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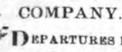

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Vessels.	Tons.	Captains.	SATURDAY, 2 P.M. 1898.
B.M.I. PENINSULAR	5987	W. A. Wheler	26th Feb.
" SHANNON	1192	F. Cole	9th Mar.
B.M. EGYPT	8000	H. F. Briscoe	12th "
" CARTHAGE	5797	J. R. Lendon	19th "
B.M.I. CALEDONIA	7558	W. R. Andrews	26th "
" SHANNON	4189	F. Cole	2nd April.
B.M.I. ORIENTAL	5284	L. H. Moole	9th "
" CLYDE	4026	E. H. Gordon	16th "
B.M.I. CARTHAGE	5297	J. R. Lendon	23rd "
" SHANNON	4193	F. Cole	30th "
B.M.I. EGYPT	8000	H. F. Briscoe	7th May.
" CLYDE	4026	E. H. Gordon	14th "
B.M.I. ARABIA	8000	A. W. Adamson	21st "
" SHANNON	4192	F. Cole	28th "
B.M.I. CALEDONIA	7558	W. R. Andrews	4th June.
" CLYDE	4026	E. H. Gordon	11th "
B.M.I. PENINSULA	6287	W. A. Wheler	18th "

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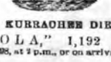

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E. A. I. MOORE,
Collector and President.

Surat, 24th February, 1898.

NOTICE.

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W. ALMON,
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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Wednesday, the 23rd February, to Wednesday, the 9th March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Directors,
H. BLACKWELL,
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Bombay, 15th February, 1898.

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R. P. BARROW,
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Bandra, 8th February, 1898.

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HOME REMITTANCES.

The following is the Weekly Memorandum of Remittances by the Bombay Treasury by means of Council Bills of the 22nd February 1898 :—

	£
Amount to be remitted during 1897-98	10,000,000
Remitted from 1st April 1897 to 18th February	6,701,108
Balance to be remitted from 19th February to 31st March 1898	3,298,900

BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 6h, 22m. Sun sets, 6h, 5m. High water, 2-12m., 3-1a. Low water, 8-17m., 8-25s.
Bombay Extra races.
Byculla Club, ladies' tiffin.
Royal Bombay Yacht Club races.
Prize-distribution, Bombay Scottish Orphanage, Mahim, 4-45 p.m.
B. V. A., annual Camp opens, Mahaluxmi Fort.
B. V. R., Commandant's parade, afternoon.
Music at the Racecourse, 3-31 p.m.
Music on the Esplanade, 5-45 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Sun rises, 6h. 21m. Sun sets, 6h. 5m. High water, 3-80m., 3-43a. Low water, 8-32m., 9-1a.
Bombay Foxhounds meet, Ira.
B. V. A., Church Parade, Mahaluxmi.

PRINCE'S DOCK.—The steamer Bardoswald entered the dock yesterday, and the steamer Howick Hall left it on Thursday; the steamers Mohammadi, Goa, and Imperator left it yesterday.

VICTORIA DOCK.—The steamers Egypt and Couch entered the dock yesterday, and the steamer Orion left it on Thursday; the steamer Peninsular left it yesterday.

RAMZAN ID.—9,436 persons visited the Victoria Gardens on the Ramzan Id day, (23rd instant), and 12,718 persons on the following day, Bases Id.

THE PARSI CYCLING CLUB.—Members meet this afternoon, at Sir R. Temple's Statue, at 5-30, for a local run. To-morrow a run will be held at Parell Hill, Bandora, when members meet at the above Statue, at 6-30 a.m., and Horaby Villard (Worlies), at 7 o'clock.

POSTAL NOTICES.—Mails for Singapore, China, and Japan, per extra s. s. Bernuda, will be closed at the General Post Office, at 3 p.m., to-day.—With effect from to-day the charges on Foreign Money Orders and British Postal Orders will be regulated by Schedule 5, viz., 1s. 4d. per rupee.

A PROW SUNK.—On Thursday afternoon, a prow laden with thirty tons of coal, in charge of Sindai Poonaji Shivaji, was sailing towards Bori Bunder, when she sprang a leak and commenced to sink. A steam launch, belonging to Messrs. Dadabhoy Hormusji Dubash and Company, which happened to be passing, towed the sinking prow to Bori Bunder, where she subsequently sank.

SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE.—The annual meeting of the Bombay Branch will be held in the Cathedral Boys' School, on Tuesday next, at 5-30 p.m. The Ven. W. E. Scott, Archdeacon of Bombay, will preside. The Hon. Mr. Justice Fulton, the Rev. Fr. Elwin, S. S. J. E., Mr. R. W. Campion, and others have promised to be present and to take part in the proceedings. The attendance of all friends and well-wishers of the society is invited.

MUSIC AT THE RACECOURSE.—The Band of the 21st Bombay Infantry, under the direction of Bandmaster A. Mallandaine, will play the following programme at the Mahaluxmi Racecourse, this afternoon, at 3-30 :—

March ..... The Washington Post...Sousa
Overture ..... Giovanna D'Arco ..... Verdi
Operatic Solo ..... The Artists ..... Mallandaine
(Solo by Sergt M Cornfield)
Fox Judgments ..... Assedio di Leida ..... Mallagiani
Valse ..... The Peri ..... Mallagiani
Galop ..... The War ..... Mallagiani

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

A PARSEE MEDICAL GENTLEMAN.—Dr. Nowrojee B. Darabsett, son of Dr. Byramjee Nowrojee Darabsett, G. G. M. C., returned to Bombay yesterday by the English mail steamer Egypt. In July last, Dr. Nowrojee went to London to study Bacteriology and Sanitary science, and obtained a Diploma of Public Health (D. P. H.) in London. Several years ago, Dr. Nowrojee studied Medicine, Surgery, and the allied branches in the University of Aberdeen, and after four years' study he became M. B, C. M (Bachelor of Medicine and Master of Surgery). He then went to London and became a member of the Royal College of Surgeons (England), and subsequently returned to Bombay, when he was employed by the Government of India in the sole charge of the Anti-Rinderpest Station, Railway party. On his work being finished, he returned to Bombay last year, and again started for London, from whence he has now returned with further academic honours.

BURNT TO DEATH.—Mr. Allan F. Turner, the coroner, held an inquiry, yesterday, at Chimna Building, Esplanade Road, into the death of Halima, a Mahomedan girl, aged four years, daughter of a mutton butcher, residing on the premises, who died on the previous day. About 4 o'clock, on Wednesday afternoon, the mother was engaged in the kitchen, and the deceased was sealed near the fire-place. Shortly after the mother went to the standpipe in the passage, leaving Halima where she was. Within a few minutes the girl was heard screaming, and on the mother going into the kitchen she saw her daughter in flames. She pulled the burning clothes off her daughter and extinguished the flames, but not before the child was burnt over the chest, face, and arms. The father was informed at his stall, at the Null Bazaar Market, and on arrival found that the child in the J. J. Hospital. The burns were dressed, and he was asked to leave the child in the hospital, but he refused to do so, and brought her home. On the following day the girl was seized with spasms and succumbed in the evening. A verdict of accidental death was recorded.

FATAL RESULT OF A SCUFFLE IN AN HOTEL.—An inquiry was held, yesterday, at the J. J. Hospital, by Mr. Varma, the coroner, on the case in which one Waloh Keshow, aged thirty-five years, a massal, employed in the Great Western Hotel. About 1 p.m., on a day last week, Shivaji, Gopal Shidaji, and Ragoo, a kitchen-keeper, had a scuffle over their meals, when the deceased interfered to separate them, and in doing so received a blow from a bludgeon stick, sustaining a wound on the middle finger of his left hand. On the occurrence being brought to the notice of the manager, Mr. Hoon Jyssen, the latter, he went into the cook-room, and after making inquiries into the cause of the row, sent deceased, in company of a hotel servant, Dr. Dadabhoy's dispensary. The injured finger was dressed, and Waloh worked in the hotel for a couple of days, when he informed the manager that Dr. Dadabhoy had advised him to have his finger amputated. Mr. Moonshi advised the deceased not to have this done by a private doctor, but to go to the hospital. Waloh refused to do so, and on Sunday last went to the manager and expressed a desire to go to his native country, and demanded his wages. The manager replied that he would not be allowed at the Bandora Camp, but deceased would not listen to him and insisted on going. He was thereupon paid off, and left Monday for native country, arriving at the same day. He was quarantined at the Bandora Detention Camp. On the following day symptoms of tetanus developed, and the wound was examined by him to the J. J. Hospital, where he was admitted. He grew worse in the hospital, and died on Thursday. A verdict of death from tetanus arising from a wound on the middle finger of the left hand, accidentally received in a scuffle, was returned by the jury.

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HIGH COURT.—APPELLATE SIDE.

(Before the Hon. Mr. Justice PARSONS and the Hon. Mr. Justice RANADE.)

CONTRABAND SALT.

IMPERATRIX *vs.* BAPULJE NANDLAL.

THIS was an application for a review from the decision of Mr. Becherdas Jivanlal, First Class Magistrate of Khaira, who, in December last, convicted the accused under section 47 of Salt Act II. of 1890, and sentenced him to two months' rigorous imprisonment.

In this case the present accused with another were charged under section 47 of Salt Act. Both the prisoners did not admit the guilt, and contended that the salt in respect of which they were charged was powder of an inferior kind of saltpetre. It was contended for the prosecution that the bags before the court contained *khari* salt, and to prove that assertion they put forth a copy of the opinion of the Chemical Analyser to Government. The appellant said that he had brought the *khari* from one Mahomedali Rajbhoy of Patri at the rate of two maunds per rupee, and sold it to the first accused at Re. 1-8 per maund, Babasal, while the Government salt was sold at Re. 1-10 per maund. The magistrate remarked that the first accused had purchased the salt for the purpose of curing animals' skins, and it was evident that the second accused had purposely bought the *khari* from the Native State where, notwithstanding the agreement made with the Government by such states, they sold natural salt instead of destroying it, as was done in British districts. The accused seemed to be in the habit of bringing such things, and in order to deter him from following such a practice in future, the magistrate deemed it necessary to punish the accused severely. He accordingly found both the accused guilty of the offence with which they were charged, and directed the first accused to pay a fine of Rs. 100, or in default to suffer rigorous imprisonment for one month. The second accused was ordered to undergo rigorous imprisonment for a term of two months, and the salt bags before the court were ordered to be confiscated.

The Hon. Mr. Justice Parsons, in delivering the judgment of the court, said : These summary trials are conducted as a rule in such a summary manner that it is often difficult to see that justice is done. In the present case, the sentence of imprisonment has been suffered so that no relief could be afforded to the accused even if his plea be good that he had previously been convicted of the same offence. The record further shows that the salt was seized on the 2nd of August, and that the report or complaint was made the same day. In the previous trial before Mr. DeSouza the offence was alleged to have taken place on the 3rd of December. In the latter case Mr. DeSouza disposed of his case on the 17th November, while Mr. Jiwanlal did not dispose of his till the 7th of December. In the latter case Mr. DeSouza there is on the record a letter under the head of the Chemical Analyser containing his opinion as to the salt earths but Mr. Jiwanlal allowed a copy of the opinion of the said officer to go in as evidence in this case. This copy was quite inadmissible, and it does not now appear on the record. We return the record and the proceedings with these remarks.

HIGH COURT.—FEBRUARY 26.

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice B. TYRRELL.)

350-97—Shamrao P—The Advocate General and others *vs* Dhunoosowrbai and others—Tyrjee D and Co.
Petition for farther and final disposal.
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567-96—Little and Co—Ignacio Francisco Da Penha and others *vs* Jose Francisco Rodrigues and others—Daphtary and F. Part heard.
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(Before the Hon'ble Mr. JUSTICE FULTON.)

For Judgment.
128-94—Little and Co—Jamsetjee Nowrojee Framjee Wadia *vs* Pestonjee Muncherji Cama—Inverarity and Setalvad for hearing and final disposal.
Postponed Long Cause.
153-97—Ardeshir H and J—Mahomed Nathoo and another *vs* Abdoo a bin Hajee Taher and another—Jardine and Inverarity.
571-95—Little and Co—Sale Mahomed Jaffarbhoy Tharia Topan *vs* Fazal J. Mahomed and another—Pestonjee Ramdas and K—Brown and Kanga.
681-95—Payne G and Co—Nessey (Hemraj) *vs* Laljee Mowjee—R S Patwardhan and Co.
192-96—Framjee H and Co—Munchershaw Romanjee Chotia *vs* Dwarkanath Sugnanand—Kale and others—Manohalal H and J, Bhashkar D and R. and Edgelow and G.
153-93—Gulal M and M—Ghellabhai Lalloobhai *vs* Goculdas Inderjee and another—Dalpiee and Co.
329-95—Framjee H and D—Monguirmal Keyani *vs* Ahmedali Tajbhoy and others—Little and Co.
52-97—Hiralal M and M—Waljee Mathuradas *vs* The Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay—Crawford H and Co.
563-96—Jethabhai K K—Rajamanja Wasudeo Moorkar Jan *vs* Shrimant Rajamanja Rajasahri Pansharamao Shrinivasrao—Ardesir H and D.
226-96—Sirkar H K—John Ismail and others *vs* Hoormut Hogan and others—T P Pavri—Hiralal M and D.
276-95—P Pavri—Swaminarayan Chatrapati *vs* Khujlee Harmsjee Kharegatt and others—Wadia and G.
217-6915-97—Bhaishankar and others—Balbhat Dalpatbhai *vs* Gopal Chunilal and others—Mahableshwar and J.
284-97—Matubhai and J—Kallidas Jeram *vs* Kawasjee Khan Khan was killed.
188-96—Manshukla D and J—Choonilal Mansukh and another *vs* Manchand Lalbhai and others—Daphtary and S.
415-97—Maganlal and M—Sana Manka Dedhgama, Antonio R DeSilva and Castro.
223-94—Hirachand and Co—Lakshmidas Gordhan Condas *vs* Nanjabao and others—Edgelow and G.
453-97—Tayabjee H—Sonbai Jeevanjee Huridas *vs* Fricumdas Muljee—Khanderao and S.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

AN official report has been received that plague has broken out in the island of Betends Beb near Dwarka in the Gulf of Cutch, and that a cordon has been placed round the island to prevent any boats leaving it for unaffected parts of the coast of Karachi.

THE numbers on famine relief in Nellore increased slightly last week, the total having risen to 6,766. Some small showers fell in two talugs, but the crops are reported to be withered or withering in parts of the District. In the rest of the Presidency there has been some improvement in prospects in Kurnool, Tanjore and Tinnevelly.

CAPTAIN J. W. PRINGLE, Royal Engineers, Executive Engineer, 3rd grade, Military Works Department, and Superintending Engineer, Hyderabad-Godavery Valley Railway, has been granted special leave for six months with effect from the 12th instant, or the subsequent date on which he may avail himself of the leave.

THE services of Captain F. G. Batten, 1st Madras Pioneers, an Assistant Commandant in the Burma Military Police, have been replaced at the disposal of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief with effect from the 14th instant.

IT is reported that a tragedy occurred in the Mail train from Rangoon to Mandalay, near Kume Station, on Sunday, the 13th instant, a Chinese lady being found with her throat cut in a carriage. She was taken in a very bad state to Kyaukse, where the Police arrested her husband, who was travelling in the same compartment, on suspicion of having attempted her murder. The husband's story is that the woman cut her own throat while he was asleep.

FROM the 12th to the 18th instant, 1 European, 6 Eurasians, 9 Native Christians, 224 Hindus and 47 Mahomedans died within the Municipal limits of Madras, making a total of 287 persons. The average for the corresponding week of the ten previous years was 299. The deaths are thus classified :—7 from cholera, 4 from small-pox, 21 from measles, 95 from fevers, 32 from dysentery, 5 from diarrhœa, and 133 from other diseases. The death-rate in the week under notice was 32·9 per 1,000 per annum. The mean of the 10 previous years was 35·5 per 1,000 per annum.

A PESHAWAR correspondent throws some light on the Akora raid ; he states it to be a burglary committed by about twelve persons, but who these persons may have been is not stated. Information from other sources declares they were Jowakis. That twenty houses were burned down is certain. No mention is made whether any bunniahs were killed or not. However, from the facts before us, it is fairly evident that the incident was due to a small band of budmashes, and had no special significance.

THE recent disturbance in Mekran supplies a hard case which is worthy the attention of Government. When the camp of Captain Burn, R.E., was looted, he lost the whole of his kit and property valued at Rs. 7,000. As he was employed in the service of Government, at the time in a country not supposed to be hostile, writes a contemporary, we think that some compensation should be made to him. A somewhat similar case is that of Captain Barton, who lost all his property at Landi Kotal because Sir Richard Udny did not think fit to warn him in time of his intention of abandoning the Khyber. Captain Burn's case is, however, more glaring, because Captain Barton is employed on civil work and not supposed to be taking military risks.

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SO far as is known in India nothing very serious has occurred in East Africa to necessitate the sending of further reinforcements to Mombassa ; but it has apparently been found that one battalion of infantry is not enough for the work to be done. The Uganda district is so disturbed that Major MacDonald's hands must be strengthened at all costs, and at the same time the coast districts have to be watched lest the excitement should extend to the tribes in that quarter. When the Uganda Rifle Corps has been raised and the men have reached the shores of the Victoria Nyanza, the necessity for keeping regular troops there may disappear ; but meanwhile the Sudanese sepoys, and in supporting the army of the Soudanese sepoys, and in providing for the safety of the various stations in the neighbourhood of the great Lakes. It is 500 miles or more from rail-head to Uganda, or a month' constant marching, and we take it that the Rifles will not be on the scene of action at the earliest. The wing of the 4th Bombay Infantry, now ordered to Mombassa, can reach that port a fortnight hence, and their presence there will be very welcome. There is a good deal of inflammable material among the tribesmen and Arab slave dealers in East Africa, and Major MacDonald must be anxious lest the flame of revolt should spread. At all events his mission to the Upper Nile must be delayed until the disturbances have been quelled which is unfortunate in every way, as it is important just now to make British influence felt north of Lado.

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

BOMBAY MARKET REPORT.

FRIDAY EVENING, FEB. 25.

DURING the past week a decidedly dull tone has pervaded the local markets generally, and the enquiry from Exporters has remained as small, the business done in Cotton having been very moderate with prices showing a tendency to rise. In Wheat and Seeds a limited enquiry has resulted in a more limited business being done. A firm feeling has made Exchange a steady market, although neither for Bank nor Private Paper has the demand on any day been more than very small. Quotations as compared with those of last Friday show an advance of 1-8d. in Bank Paper, and 3-16d. in Private. Money has been more in request, and the market being severely tight, the Directors of the Presidency Bank yesterday advanced the rate of the Bank by one per cent., to 13 per cent. Government Paper has been quiet and weak, and rates have declined 1-2 per cent. from last week's closing level for 3 1-2 per Cents, and are unchanged for 3 per Cents. Freights have been a steady market, with a few transactions reported for forward shipment, and quotations generally unchanged. In Imports prices have ruled in favour of buyers in a quiet market.

MONEY.—A marked improvement was shown by Monday's Return of the Bank of Bombay in the demand for Money for trade requirments, and whereas the Cash Balance decreased last week by over 20 3-4 lakhs, at some 67 1-2 lakhs, in the week preceding the decrease was 5 1-4 lakhs, at 87 3-4 lakhs. From Private Deposits withdrawals to the extent of 8 1-4 lakhs took place, and from Public Deposits at the Branches to the extent of 7 1-4 lakhs. On the other hand, there were additions amounting to 2 3-4 lakhs to Public Deposits at the Head Office; 5 1-2 lakhs to Loans; nearly 3 lakhs to Bills Discounted and Purchased; and 1 1-4 lakh to Balances with other Banks. In Government Securities there was an increase of Rs. 96,499.

At their Board Meeting yesterday the Directors of the Bank of Bombay raised the Bank's rate by one per cent., making the minimum 13 per cent.

The market is meanwhile tight in the extreme; the rate in the open market is 12 per cent.

EXCHANGE.—The market was closed last mail-day for a native holiday, and re-opened on Monday firm in tone at 1s. 3 15-16d. for Bank Telegraphic and Demand, and 1s. 4 1-8d. for three months' sight Credits. The enquiry for Bank Paper was limited, and business was reported at 1s. 3 31-32d.; Merchants' Bills were also reported placed to some extent at 1s. 4 3-32d. On Tuesday rates continued firm at 1s. 3 31-32d. for Bank Telegraphic and Demand, and 1s. 4 5-32d. for three months' sight Credits. For the former there was no enquiry at the rate, but during the day 1s. 4d. was reported to a moderate extent. Quotations opened on Wednesday at 1s. 3 31-32d. for Telegraphic and Demand, for Bank remittance, and 1s. 3 4 5-32d. for three months' sight Credits, with a moderate amount of the latter reported, but no enquiry for Bank Paper. The market was steady yesterday at 1s. 3 31-32d. for Bank Telegraphic and Demand, and 1s. 4 5-32d. for three months' sight Credits, some business being reported at the latter rate, after which the market became firmer and 1s. 4d. was obtainable for Bank Paper, while three months' Bills were saleable at 1s. 4 3-16d. To-day rates have been firm at 1s. 4 1-32d. for Bank Telegraphic and Demand, and 1s. 4 3-16d. for three months' sight Credits. In Private Bills on Wednesday was reported placed at 1s. 4 1-16d.; Merchants' Bills were scarce, and the demand for Bank Paper was limited. The market closes with a quiet feeling, and quotations are as follows :—

Bank Bills on Demand	1s. 4 1-32d.	per rupee,
" Telegraphic	1s. 4 1-32d.	"
" 3 mos' sight	1s. 4 3-32d.	"
Credits 3 do	1s. 4 3-16d.	"
Do. 4 do	1s. 4 9-32d.	"
Documents 3 do	1s. 4 7-32d.	"
Do. 6 do	1s. 4 5-16d.	"
Francs do	1-79 1-2	"
Do. 6 do	1-71 1-2	"

GOVERNMENT PAPER re-opened on Monday at 96 13-16 for Cash for 3 1-2 per Cents, and 96 7-8 for the Settlement; 3 per Cents were nominal. The market was weak in tone on Tuesday with 96 5-8 quoted for the Settlement, for 3 1-2 per Cents, and 89 for three per Cents. Quotations opened on Wednesday at 96 1-8 for Cash, and 96 5-16 for Settlement, for 3 1-2 per Cents, with 88 for 3 per Cents, and closed at the same level. Quiet in tone yesterday rates were given at 96 for Cash, for 3 1-2 per Cents, and 96 1-4 for the March Account, with 88 for 3 per Cents. The rate for Cash to-day advanced to 96 1-4, and that for the Settlement to 96 1-2, while 3 per Cents remained at 88.

Municipal 5 per cent. Loan is 2 per cent. higher at 118, and Port Trust Bonds are unchanged at 102.

SHARES.—Although neglected, shares have shown some movement in prices, which have ruled chiefly in favour of sellers. Compared with last Friday our list this evening indicates an advance of Rs. 35, in David: of Rs. 15, in Lukhmidas; of Rs. 12, in Currie, and Maghull and Nixon Bhuiltie. Newton in F. Britannia, Oriental, and Standard; and of Rs. 3, in Anglo-Indian; and a decline of Rs. 15, in Khandeish, of Rs. 10, in Manockjee Petit; and of Rs. 2 1-2, in Swadeshi. In Presses, New Berar are Rs. 15 higher; and Mofussil, Rs. 10. In Miscellaneous shares, Bombay-Burmah, have advanced Rs. 100, in the first issue; Marcks and Co., Rs. 5; Phillips, and Thacker, Rs. 3 each; and Delhi and Northern India Flour and Port Canning, Rs. 2 1-2 each: while Napier Hotel, have declined Rs. 10. In Banks Commercial and Land Mortgage are Rs. 5 lower.

IMPORTS.

PIECE-GOODS.—A small business in "Grey Goods" is reported, with prices unchanged. Up-country buyers purchase merely what they require. In "Bleached, Dyed, Turkey-Red," and "Printed Goods" there has been a poor demand, and a limited business has transpired. "Locally-made Goods" are a steady market, with a moderate enquiry from shippers. The clearances of "Imported Goods" from the bazaar during the week have been about 2,500 packages, and of "local" some 1,100 bales.

YARNS.—In the absence of any good demand from buyers but little business is reported. The market, however, is steady in tone and rates are well maintained. China dealers have sold some 6,000 bales; and locally 4,000 bales have changed hands. Official quotations are as follows :—

Twist	No.	6s	Mule, As. 3 3-4	to 4 3-8 per lb.
"	"	8s	" " 3 7-8	" 4 1-2 "
"	"	10s	" " 4	" 4 3-4 "
"	"	12s	" " 4 1-4	" 5 "
"	"	16s	" " 4 13-16	" 5 1-2 "
"	"	20s	" " 5 1-8	" 5 3-4 "
"	"	24s	" " 5 3-4	" 6 3-4 "
"	"	30s	" " 6 1-2	" 7 "
"	"	40s	" " 7 1-4	" 8 "

METALS.—Prices to-day remain about the same, the chief change therein being in "Swedish Bar Iron," which is one rupee per candy higher, at Rs. 54 per candy.

COALS.—Some Seebpore Bengal has been sold, for March delivery, at Rs. 13-6-0 per ton, and for April and May shipments at Rs. 13 per ton. Small lots of Bengal, ready in harbour, are reported to be changing hands at Rs. 13 3-4 to Rs. 13 1-2 per ton. The market closes steady; we quote alongside :—

	Ready.	Forward.
Welsh Hartley	Nil	Nil
West "	Rs. 16 1 4 per ton.	Rs. 16 per ton.
Australian	Nil	Nil
Powell's	Rs. 18 per ton.	Rs. 18 "
Cardiff	" 18 "	" 18 "
Japan	Nil	Nil
Bengal	Rs. 13 1-2 per ton.	Rs. 13 "
Singareni	Nil	Nil
Seebpore	" 13 3-4 "	" 13 "
Sanctoria	Nil	Nil
Deshagar	" 14 1-4 "	" 13 1-2 "

EXPORTS.

COTTON.—With exporters this staple has been less in request to a slight extent, but the purchases of the mills show some increase. Business on the whole has been on a moderate scale, and prices, which at the beginning of the week fell off Re. one per candy, have since recovered to the same extent, in a steady market.

The Receipts of Cotton of the new crop into Bombay during the past week have amounted to 48,500 bales, compared with 57,500 bales to hand last week, and 59,500 bales in the corresponding week last year. The total falling off in this season's arrivals of new Cotton as against those of last year is now 99,500 bales.

The following are to-day's quotations for full-pressed Cotton with the equivalents in sterling, cost, and freight to Liverpool via Canal, without commission, viz. :—

	Per Candy.	Per lb. C. & F.
Bengal, Fine	Rs.	148-3-1-32d.
Do. Fully Good	"	137-2 1-16d.
Do. Good	"	131-2 27-32d.
Bolatee, Fine	"	147-3 3-32d.
Do. Fully Good	"	142-3 1-32d.
Khandesh, Fully Good	"	145-3 1-32d.
Oomra, Fully Good	"	132-3 1-16d.
Dholleras, Fine	"	Nil.
Do. do. 25th April	"	133-3 13-32d.
Do. Fully Good	"	Nil.
Do. do. 25th April	"	155-3 1-64.??
Do. Good	"	Nil.
Do. do. 25th May	"	154-3 9-32d.
S G Dharwar, Good	"	Nil.
Do. do. 25th May	"	166-3 15-32d.
Western do.	"	Nil.
Do. do. 25th May	"	155-3 9-32d.
Broach, Fine	"	Nil.
Do. do. 25th March	"	169-3 7-16d.
Do. Good	"	Nil.
Do do, 25th March	"	168-3 7-16d.

The Arrivals of New Crop Cotton into Bombay this season, as compared with last, are as follows :—

	Season. 1897-98. F. P. Bales.	Season. 1896-97. F. P. Bales.
Bengals	88,500	161,000
Berar	172,500	188,000
Khandeish	38,500	23,500
Barsee and Nuggur	5,500	8,000
Hingunghat	0,000	2,000
Persian and Sind	0,000	45,000
Broach	1,000	15,000
Dholleras	5,000	16,000
	499,500	599,000

The movements of Cotton to date show the following comparison with the previous two years :—

Receipts.	1898. Bales.	1897. Bales.	1896. Bales.
For the week	60,923	49,750	63,791
From 1st Jan. to 24th Feb.	380,027	364,329	425,138
Clearances to Great Britain and Continent.			
For the week	2,645	13,855	27,875
From 1st Jan. to 24th Feb.	51,347	86,712	169,932
Clearances to China, Japan, Calcutta, &c.			
For the week	15,273	23,881	26,599
From 1st Jan. to 24th Feb.	55,886	102,275	53,666

WHEAT and SEEDS are quiet markets, with prices generally a little lower than their previous level. White Gingellyseed has declined one anna, to Rs. 7-7-0 per cwt., and mixed, on the other hand, has advanced 1 anna, to Rs. 6-15-0 per cwt. Gujerat Yellow Rapeseed is 2 annas lower, at Rs. 6-10-0 per cwt; White Pessy Wheat 91 per cent. is 3 pies less, at Rs. 5-8-6 per cwt.

The comparative Imports of Wheat and Seeds are as follows :—

	1898. Cwts.	1897. Cwts.	1896. Cwts.
Wheat for the week	20,004	19,310	98,485
Do. from 1st January to 24th Feb.	183,434	118,314	339,392
Linseed for the week	15,313	2,335	241,905
Do. from 1st January to 24th Feb.	256,398	31,127	633,246
Rapeseed for the week	10,521	4,180	5,338
Do. from 1st January to 24th Feb.	46,310	25,182	46,712
Gingellyseed for the week	61,236	33,934	61,027
Do. from 1st January to 24th Feb.	376,157	144,054	500,955

The clearances of Wheat and Seeds to Great Britain and Continent are as follows :—

	1898. Cwts.	1897. Cwts.	1896. Cwts
Wheat for the week	...	...	...
Do. from 1st January to 24th Feb.	...	811	85,427
Linseed for the week	7,143	6,027	49,395
Do. from 1st January to 24th Feb.	371,947	73,501	216,626
Rapeseed for the week	6,018	4,000	11,000
Do. from 1st January to 24th Feb.	131,057	53,122	191,068
Gingellyseed for the week	...	5,010	6,444
Do. from 1st January to 24th Feb.	399,593	73,416	390,930

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE S S Thorndale, 1,970 tons, Captain W F Lorimer, sailed yesterday for Calcutta in ballast.

THE B I S N Co's s s Dwarka, 730 tons, Captain J C Tice, sailed yesterday for Karachi, with a general cargo, and 65 deck passengers.

THE B I S N Co's s s Ooloobaria, 3,420 tons, Captain R W G Lowe, arrived in harbour yesterday from Calcutta (26th January) via coast Ports with a general cargo.

THE S S Sirdas Waid, 1,922 ton's, Captain J Pearn, arrived in harbour yesterday from Karachi (22nd February) in Ballast. The vessel is consigned to the Bombay Company.

THE B I S N Co's s s Goa, 1,217 tons, Captain H B Plommer, sailed yesterday for Zanzibar, &c, with a general cargo, and the following passengers :—Captain R S Weston, Lieut B A Wright, Lieut G J Godsoll, Mr J M DeSouza, Conductor and Mrs B Ainsworth, and three children, Surgeon and Mrs W Rees, Mr Mcallum, Mr Dunwig, Mr O'Brien, Mr Kerr, Mr Hunter and 281 deck.

THE B I S N Co's s s Assyria, 959 tons, Captain G F Simpson, which arrived in harbour on Thursday evening from Busreh (13th February) via Karachi, with a general cargo, 3 cases opium, 6 horses, and the following passengers :—Mr Lyon, Mr Batchelor, Mr Cordeiro, Mrs Cordeiro and 2 children, Miss Cordeiro, and 40 deck. During the voyage she experienced strong N W & N E Winds.

MARINE DEPARTMENT NOTIFICATION.
"PERSIAN GULF.
MOUTH OF THE EUPHRATES.

Shoal reported in Shatt-al-Arab or Basra River.—Telegraphic information has been received from the Officer Commanding R. I. M. S. Lawrence, dated Bushire, 10 February 1898, of the existence of a shoal situated in a position with Muhammera barracks bearing north, distant 2 miles. This shoal is dangerous to navigation.

ARRIVALS.

Feb.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
25	Egypt s	Briscoe	Marseilles, Feb 10
	Ooloobaria s	Lowe	Calcutta, Jan 26
	Birdswald s	Pearn	Karachi, Feb 24

DEPARTURES.

Feb.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
25	R I M S Canning	Rose	Karachi
	R I M S Dalhousie	Warden	Mombassa
	Mohammadi s	Erikson	Jeddah, &c
	Goa s	Plommer	Zanzibar, &c
	Dwarka s	Tice	Karachi
	Thorndale s	Lorimer	Calcutta

The following vessels entered for loading yesterday :—
Steamer Hoseinee, for Persian Gulf
" Assyria, for Persian Gulf and Karachi
" Dunera, for Kathiawar, Coast ports and Karachi

DIVINE SERVICE.

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT, FEBRUARY 27.

SAINT THOMAS' CATHEDRAL.

7-30 a.m.—Matins.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion (Choral). Agnus in G—Hymns 210, 302, 312 and 197.
5 p.m.—Children's service.
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon—Hymns 92, 354 and 210.
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis. Newton in F.
Daily Matins at 6-45 a.m., and Evensong at 4-45 p.m.
Daily Holy Communion at 7-15 a.m.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, MALABAR HILL.

7-30 a.m.—Holy Communion (no Matins).
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST.
(Colaba Afghan Memorial Church.)

8 a.m.—Holy Communion.—Hymns 94, 313 and 273.
11 a.m.—Matins and Sermon (Parade Service). Preacher Rev. W. E. Jenner.—Hymns 92, 155 and 273.
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.—Hymns 250, 249 and 95.

FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
(Wardens' Road, Khetwadi).

4-30 p.m.—Sunday School and Bible Classes.
6 p.m.—Evening Service and Sermon by the Rev. N. Macnicol. Collection for the Free Church Mission.—Hymns 47, 132 and 180. Psalm 63.
11 a.m.—Joint Service in St. Andrew's Church.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCHES.
BOWARD CHURCH—Apollo Bunder.
Behind the Apollo Hotel.

9-15 a.m.—Sunday School.
11 a.m. and 6 p.m.—Sermon by Rev. I. F. Row.
Wednesday, 6 p.m.—Prayer Meeting.

GRANT ROAD CHURCH.

7-30 a.m.—Sunday School.
8-45 a.m. and 6 p.m.—Sermons by Rev. W. H. Stephens.
Wednesday, 6 p.m.—Prayer Meeting.

MAZAGON CHURCH—Wari Bunder.

6 p.m.—Sermon.

FORT CHAPEL.
Our Lady of Mount Carmel (Catholic).

5-30 a.m.—Holy Mass.
7 a.m.—Holy Mass with Sermon by Father Kummer S. J.
8-30 a.m.—Holy Mass with Sermon by Father Hosse, S. J.
6 p.m.—Rosary, Sermon and Benediction by Fr. Hosse, S.J.
During the week daily Holy Mass at 6 and 7 a.m.

MISSION CHURCH, GIRGAUM.

7 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon by Rev. W. G. Peel.—Hymns 142, 321 and 334.
4-30 p.m.—Children's Service.
6 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon by Rev. W. H. Dixon —Hymns 312, 158 and 18.

ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH.

7 a.m.—Matins.
7-30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist (Choral).
6-30 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon by the Rev. A. Leahy.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, ESPLANADE.
(Near School of Art).

Incumbent.—Rev. C. Gilder.
8 a.m.—Celebration of the Holy Communion and Sermon.—Hymns 93, 99 and 318.
6 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.—Hymns 81, 201 and 23.
The offertories for Church expenses and poor relief.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, MAZAGON

6 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
7 a.m.—Holy Eucharist (Choral), Preacher, Rev. Father Gardner.
10 a.m.—Children's Service.
6 p.m.—Evensong (Choral), Preacher, Rev. W. E. Jenner. Alms for Plague Relief Fund.

CHRIST CHURCH, BYCULLA.

7-30 a.m.—Matins.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion (Choral).—Hymns 445, 550 and 294.
5-45 p.m.—Sunday School.
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon by the venerable the Archdeacon.—Hymns 100, 254 and 274.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, PAREL.
(Madras time.)

8-30 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Holy Communion.—Hymns 626 and 92.
5-30 p.m.—Children's Service.
6-30 p.m.—Evening Service and Sermon—Hymns 91 and 401. Anthem—Incline Thine Ear—Himmel.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

11 a.m.—Morning Service.
6 p.m.—Evening Service.—Ps. 4. Tune 101. Hymns 23, 96 and 291.

THE BOMBAY GAZETTE OVERLAND SUMMARY.

(Compiled for despatch by the Weekly Mail to Europe.)

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(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

THE WEST AFRICA FRONTIER FORCE.

LONDON, FEB. 25.

In Committee of Supply in the House of Commons, Mr. Labouchere brought forward a motion to reduce the vote for the West Africa Frontier Force, which, he said, was a provocation to France.

Mr. Chamberlain said that if the extension of the French Hinterland was allowed to continue without a corresponding British expansion our Colonies would be strangled, and hence the creation of a West Africa Frontier Force. Great Britain, he added, was anxious to maintain friendship with France, but will not allow her interests to be sacrificed.

The motion on being put to the vote was rejected by 334 against 27.

THE EXPENSE OF TROOPS SENT TO MOMBASSA.

LONDON, FEB. 24.

Mr. Curzon, replying to a question in the Commons, said that the Imperial Government will bear the expenses of the Indian troops sent to Mombassa.

THE GREEK LOAN.

LONDON, FEB. 25.

The negotiations in connection with the Greek Loan have been concluded.

Great Britain, France, and Russia guarantee four millions sterling of it at three per cent., and the remainder at a higher rate of interest is without a foreign guarantee.

M. ZOLA APPEALS.

M. Zola has given notice of appeal against the sentence passed on him.

THE DUM DUM BULLET.

LONDON, FEB. 24.

Lord George Hamilton, replying to a question in the Commons, said he believed the Dum Dum bullets were not opposed to international law and customs of war.

PANIC ON THE NEW YORK BOURSE.

SUPPOSED FOUL PLAY ON THE MAINE.

There was almost a panic, to-day, on the New York bourse owing to strong rumours that the enquiry now proceeding is proving that the explosion on the cruiser Maine in Havana harbour was not accidental.

RUSSIA AND THE CHINESE PORTS.

Mr. Curzon in the Commons read a note from Count Mouraviefl, Russian Foreign Minister, declaring that any port Russia occupies in China will be open to the ships and commerce of the world.

THE SOKOTO INCIDENT.

Lord Salisbury, replying to a question in the House of Lords, said that M. Hanotaux had since informed Sir Edward Monson positively that no French force had entered Sokoto.

THE MAILS.

ADEN, FEB. 24.

The P. and O. Company's s. s. Carthage, with the homeward mails of the 19th instant, arrived here, at 2 p.m., to-day.

BOMBAY COMMAND ORDERS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, FEB. 25.

Major Bethune, Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General, Nagpore District, who has been appointed to officiate as Assistant General on the District Staff in Bombay Command, is posted to Bombay District.

The Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces is pleased to make the following appointments :—Sappers and Miners—Surgeon-Lieutenant Lincoln, Indian Medical Service, to officiating Medical Charge, vice Brigade-Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel Barron, granted leave. 4th Bombay Rifles—Surgeon-Captain Kilkelly, Indian Medical Service, to officiating Medical Charge, 4th Bombay Cavalry, to officiating Medical Charge, vice Surgeon-Captain Bonnett, Indian Medical Service, on field service. 8th Bombay Infantry—Surgeon-Captain Macdonald, Indian Medical Service, to officiating Medical Charge, vice Surgeon-Major Sarkies, Indian Medical Service, on field service. Army Medical Staff—Surgeon Major Beatty, on arrival from England, is posted to Sind District, Military Works Department.

Lieut. Freeland, Royal Engineers, is transferred from Bombay Military Works, Malton to Mhow Military Works, and is posted to Kamptee.

Under instructions received from the War Office, it is intimated that exchange has been sanctioned between Majors Eardley Wilmot, 61st Field Battery, and Hamilton Gordon, 1st Field Battery, Royal Artillery.

Under instructions received from Army Head-quarters, India, it is notified that Captain Campbell, Royal Artillery, Secunderabad, has been transferred to Kirkee as Adjutant, Royal Artillery, at that station, vice Captain Young, who has resigned his appointment.

Under instructions from Army Head-quarters, India, it is intimated that officers of the Royal Artillery, who are now or may hereafter become candidates for appointment to Native Mountain Artillery, will, should they be selected in accordance with article 472, Army Regulations, India, Vol. I., Part I., be required to pass the higher standard examination in Hindustani. If they have not done so within twelve months from the date of joining, and failed to do so, the staff salary of the appointment will in no circumstances be continued beyond the probationary period.

It is notified that Field Sketching portions of examinations in subjects O., D., and G., commencing in Poona on the 30th July, will be held on the 27th June.

A Court of Inquiry will be assembled at Deesa on Monday, the 7th proximo, to which Major-General Hogg, Bombay Cavalry, Commanding Deesa District, is appointed to act as President, and Colonel Whitby, Durham Light Infantry, and Colonel Nicholetts, 5th Bombay Light Infantry, as members.

Officers commanding regiments of Bombay Cavalry and Infantry are reminded that all transfers which have been sanctioned under Bombay Command Order 778, of 1898, must be carried out before 1st April next. The Army transfers sanctioned and which have not been carried out by that date will require fresh sanction. Endeavours should always be made to carry out these transfers as soon as possible after receipt of sanction.

The undermentioned are reported to have passed the required examination in the following languages :—Urdu Higher Standard—Captains Chamier and Wellesley, R. A., Lieut. Hoskyn, 3rd Bombay Light Cavalry, Second Lieutenants Stone, 1st Royal Fusiliers, and Hardie, 23rd Bombay Rifles. Urdu Lower Standard—Second Lieutenants Cowen, Royal Fusiliers, Winter, R. A., Shuttleworth, 2nd King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, and Cox, 1st Wiltshire Regiment. Hindu high Proficiency—Captain Baldock, Merwara Battalion.

The undermentioned officers and Warrant officers have been permitted by Her Majesty's Secretary of State to return to duty :—Colonel Shone, R. E.; Lieutenant Eastwood, 30th Bombay Infantry ; and Sub-Conductor Tydeman, P. W. D.

The undermentioned officers are granted leave to proceed out of India, on private affairs, under the leave rules for the Staff Corps, the specified period to count from the date of being struck off duty :—Lieutenant-Colonel Mein, Commandant, 21st Bombay Infantry, for four months ; Major Butler, Second-in-Command, 6th Bombay Cavalry, for one year ; Captain Hartigan, Squadron Commander, 6th Bombay Cavalry, for one year ; Captain Howson Crawford, Wing Officer, 7th Bombay Infantry, for one year.

The undermentioned officers are granted leave to proceed out of India, on medical certificate, under leave rules for the Staff Corps, the leave to have effect in India from the date of being struck off duty, the specified period to count from the date of leaving India :—Lieutenant-Colonel Orr, Assistant Commissary-General, Second Class, for six months; Captain Walker, Wing Officer, 3rd Bo. Light Infantry, for one year.

The undermentioned officers have leave of absence :—Captain Kemmis, Adjutant, R. A., Aden, six months, on private affairs ; Captain Edwards, 20th Hussars, twelve months, on private affairs, out of India ; Major Briggs, 1st Royal Fusiliers, six months, on private affairs out of India ; Captain Payne, 2nd Durham Light Infantry, seven months, on private affairs, out of India ; Major Garland, 2nd Highland Light Infantry, six months, on private affairs, out of India ; Surgeon-Captain Mcdonald, from 30th November to 1st March, on medical certificate, in India ; Second Lieutenant Stevens, 2nd Royal Irish Rifles, from 21st February to 28th July, on medical certificate, granted by the War Office, in extension ; Captain Manton, 20th Hussars, to 30th April, pending retirement, in extension ; Major Sandwith, 8th Bom bay Infantry, 14 days, on private affairs, granted by the Secretary of State ; and Captain (temporary Major) Montgomery, two months, on medical certificate, granted by the Secretary of State.

PLAGUE IN HYDERABAD TERRITORY.

SECUNDERABAD, FEB. 25.

The plague is still spreading in the districts. 207 deaths occurred within the last ten days at Serai, and the official report states that the mortality in Ganjoti is considerably worse than stated by the patels. From the 19th instant to the 21st : Karamba, 4 cases, Ganjoti 3 deaths and 2 new cases ; Kajurgi, 3 cases and 1 death ; Bulloor, 6 deaths ; Nanni, 3 deaths ; Mara, 7 deaths ; and Umerghi, 3 deaths.

THE TIRAH EXPEDITION.

THE ZAKKA KHEL COMING TO TERMS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, FEB. 25.

The Zakka Khel Jirgah is at last coming in. Eighty-five members are expected at Jamrud to-day, and sixty-five more to morrow, the second party having been delayed by the death of one of their number on the way.

The Gurkha scouts reached Jamrud from Peshawar yesterday.

TIRAH EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

CHANGES OF APPOINTMENTS.

The following changes in the Tirah Expeditionary Force are gazetted :—Lieutenant-Colonel Nutt, to Command R. A., 2nd Division, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Purdy, invalided ; Major Ferrier, D. S. O., to be Brigade-Major, R. E., vice Captain Craster ; Captain Dixon, to be Field Engineer, 1st Division, vice Captain Ferrier ; Captain Copper, to be Adjutant, to Command Royal Engineers, 1st Division, vice Captain Thackwell ; Captain William, 20th Hussars, to be Provost Marshal, 3rd Brigade, vice Lieutenant Crocker ; Lieutenant Bellew, 16th Lancers, to be Orderly Officer to General Lockhart, vice Lieutenant Codlen, appointed A.-D.-C.

We have already expressed our opinion on the policy of the operations which led to the Shin Kamar affair ; but as there are indications that another charge of breach of faith may be framed in this connection, it may be as well to emphasise the fact that our military and political officers had a perfect right to do as they did, whatever may be thought of the foresight or tactical skill displayed. After the jirgahs had arrived in camp at Jamrud some 200 or 300 malcontents began to harass the piquets in the Khyber and at Gandao on the Bara side. The maliks at Jamrud were then told plainly that they ought to exercise some control over the tribesmen, and were also informed that as the war had not yet come to an end they could not be allowed to send their families into their usual winter quarters in the Kajouri plain, towards the Kohat Pass, where there was abundance of fodder for their cattle and whither salt and other commodities could be easily smuggled from Peshawar. The Afridi jirgah concurred, and even approved of military action being taken from Bara and Maidani, through the Aka Khel country, towards Ainal Chabutra and, Malani in one direction, and to Shin Kamar and over the Kajouri plain in the other, and also from Ali Masjid and Jamrud towards the Chora Kamao. There were only two places which they begged might be left untouched, as they were occupied by their families. Those were the Bara Valley west of the Sturi Khel village of Galli Khel, where the Aka Khel Bara begins and the Bazzar Valley west of Chora. In accordance with this expression of opinion operations were strictly limited to the area east of Galli Khel and Chora ; in other words no attempt was made to move troops into the districts whence the *jirgah* had come and which they represented. Needless to say, the mere agreement of the *jirgah* at Jamrud was no sufficient ground for undertaking such an operation unless there was good reason to believe that it would be successful : whereas, as we know, the manœuvre was hastily conceived without any due appreciation of possibilities and probabilities, and our intelligence was entirely at fault. There is in fact abundant room for criticism, but no ground whatever for any charge of breach of faith.—*Pioneer.*

GAZETTE OF INDIA NOTIFICATIONS

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, FEB. 25.

The Hon. Mr. Rivaz, having been relieved by Sir John Woodburn, is gazetted back to the Punjab.

Surgeon Major-General Harvey is gazetted to officiate as Director-General, Indian Medical Service, vice Cleghorn, on eight months' sick leave.

Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel Parakh, Surgeon of the Gokuldas Tejpal Native General Hospital, Bombay, is permitted to retire from 14th March.

Mr. Biddulph, Deputy Auditor-General, Finance Department, is gazetted twenty months' leave.

Notifications issued to-day by the Home and Foreign Departments include used gunny bags from the list of objects, the transport of which is prohibited under the Plague rules. This is of considerable importance to the grain trade.

THE SUPREME COUNCIL.

The meeting of the Legislative Council at which will probably be discussed the Report of the Select Committee on the Criminal Procedure Code Amendment Bill, which includes the remaining sections relating to Sedition, has been postponed to 11th March.

THE BUNER DESPATCHES.

General Blood's Buner despatches appear in the "Gazette" with the usual laudatory introduction and mention of most of the principal officers concerned.

THE FIGHTING IN BAJOUR.

A number of Native officers are gazetted for "admission to or promotion in the Order of Merit for conspicuous gallantry in the fighting in Bajour, September. Amongst others are mentioned Subadar Mungal Singh, who carried Lieutenant Cassels, when severely wounded, out of fire ; Lance-Naik Baryam Singh, who saved Lieutenant Gunning by bayoneting the man who had cut him down ; Gunner Fateh Ali, who interposed his own body between Lieutenant Wynter, who was severely wounded, and the fire of the enemy, being himself severely wounded while performing this act of devotion.

CROP PROSPECTS.

The crop reports in to-morrow's *Gazette* show that the prospects are now splendid in the Punjab, good in Bengal, and fair in the North-West and Central Provinces. The prices of food-grains, however, remain far above the normal, and are falling only very slowly. The produce of kharif crop seems to have gone almost entirely in replenishing the exhausted stock, and until the demand for this purpose has been satisfied, little further cheapening is expected.

COTTON CROP.

ESTIMATED YIELD TWENTY LAKHS.

The final General Memorandum of the Cotton Crop of the current season is to-day issued by the Statistical Bureau. It estimates the yield at twenty lakhs of bales against eighteen lakhs last year and twenty lakhs the average of the preceding five years. The precise numbers of bales for each province are : Punjab, 2,23,947 ; North-West Provinces, 1,68,898 ; Bengal 30,141 ; Central Provinces 1,13,790 ; Berar 1,85,985 ; Bombay (British territory) 2,72,343 ; Native States, 5,33,769 ; Sind, 34,730 ; Madras, 97,494 ; Hyderabad 1,05,088 ; Rajputana, 1,37,660 ; and Central India, 1,59,006. The total is 20,62,810 bales.

ADDITIONAL OFFICERS FOR PLAGUE DUTY.

The services of Lieutenant-Colonel H. Hay, also of Lieutenant A. P. Shewell, have been placed at the disposal of the Bombay Government for plague duty.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

SUEZ, FEB. 24.

The Clan Lina steamer Clan Grant left here, for Colombo, Madras, and Calcutta, this afternoon.

The Clan Line steamer Clan Macrae left here yesterday evening.

ADEN, FEB. 25.

The B. I. S. N. Company's steamer Mombassa left here this morning.

HONGKONG, FEB. 25.

The P. and O. Company's steamer Socotra (extra) arrived here yesterday morning.

COLOMBO, FEB. 25.

The P. and O. Co.'s steamer Palawan left here at 8 a.m., to-day.

The P. and O. Co.'s steamer Hydaspes (extra) left here at 1 p.m., to-day, and is expected to arrive in Bombay, at day light, on Tuesday next.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, FEB. 24.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed firm. Surats dull.

Good Bhownuggur	2 28-32.
The Manchester Market has been firm.	
2½ per cent. Consols	112 3-4
3 per cent. Reuites	109 3-4
3½ per cent. Sterling Loan	116
3½ per cent. Rupee Paper	93 5-8
Bar Silver	29 11-16

The Bank of England Returns for the week ending yesterday, show the following results :—Total Bullion, £34,000,000 ; Increase, £58,000 ; Public Deposits, £18,600,000 ; Increase, £1,300,000 ; Other Deposits, £30,800,000 ; Increase, £1,700,000 ; Other Securities, £35,000,000 ; Increase, £2,700,000 ; Notes and Gold, £24,500,000 ; Increase, £900,000. The Bank's Reserve is 44 per cent. of the Liabilities.

BOMBAY YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

The annual social meeting in connection with this association was held last evening, at the Central Rooms, Apollo Bunder, and was well attended. The chair was taken by Lieutenant-Colonel Freeman, the president, who conveyed the thanks of the meeting to Lord Kinnaird for being present that evening. The president thanked him as their President, each contribute their the association was Pringle, the general abstract of the annual student secretary, gave He pointed out the di student's interested in the same time said th derived from the attended the conduct secretary of the Nasiv F.J. Clarke, the hony. the finances of the ye off the deficit of Rs. 6 Khinraird then gave a couraging terms of The speeches were in mental music, which of the meeting. the members for electing and urged that they should quota to the work which formed to discharge. Mr. secretary, having read an report, Mr. F. Anderson, the a brief account of his work. fficulty of getting the native the teachings of Christ, but at an encouragement was to be measures of success that had of open air services. The hony. a Branch briefly spoke, and Mr. treasurer, gave a statement of ar, urging the members to wipe on the general account. Lord brief address, and spoke in on the work of the association. rerspersed with vocal and instru added greatly to the interest

ENGLISH POLITICAL AND SOCIAL LETTER.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, FEB. 11.

THE OPENING OF PARLIAMENT.

The fourth session of the fourteenth Parliament of the present reign was opened on Tuesday, and the speeches made from the Ministerial benches in both Houses, though they have not altogether removed the extremely bad impression created by recent news from the Far East, have to some extent allayed the prevailing anxiety. Perhaps the situation is best expressed by the two admirable cartoons from the pencil of our leading caricaturist, Mr. F. C. Gould, published last night. They are headed "Talking Jingo"—"Acting Manchester." The first cartoon represents Sir Michael Hicks-Beach orating at a public meeting with arms as affecting the whole policy of the maintenance of extended and in a generally defiant attitude. Beneath this picture are the words :—"On the platform. The Chancellor of the Exchequer. 'Even at the risk of war.'" The second illustration shows Lord Salisbury as a Quaker shopkeeper bowing deferentially to his customer, a bear in Russian uniform. Under his arm the customer carries a bottle, labelled "Port Arthur," and his left hand or rather paw clutches a parcel, bearing the word "Talienwan." "And the next article, Sir," asks the shopkeeper. That is also what the country is asking. The Queen's Speech contained absolutely no novelty, though it ranged over a variety of subjects, including the Russo-Greek Treaty, the Cretan Question, the Soudan advance, the Anglo-Abyssian Treaty "of friendship and commerce," the West Indian Colonies, the Frontier War, the Plague in Western India, and the late Famine. Coming to domestic concerns which naturally are at the present moment rather in the background the legislative programme includes a measure for providing Ireland with a system of local government "substantially similar to that which within the last few years has been established in Great Britain," and one for facilitating the creation of municipalities in the administrative county of London, the former the *piece de resistance* of the legislative feast and the other the *entree*. As minor dishes we are promised bills for enabling accused persons to be heard as witnesses in their own defence ; for cheapening and improving the procedure of Scottish Private Bill legislation ; for amending the Vaccination Law ; for preventing abuses in connection with Church Patronage ; for the constitution of a teaching university in London ; for dealing "in part" with secondary education ; for amending the law relating to the Mercantile Marine Fund, for guarding against fraud in the management of limited companies, for the better ascertainment of the rights of landlord and tenant on the termination of an agricultural tenancy, and for preventing the adulteration of drugs and food. At least two of the proposed measures are "remnants" from last session ; it is safe to say that more than two will be remnants next Session. In the Lords the Address in reply to the Royal speech was moved by one young peer, the Earl of Hardwicke, and seconded by another, the Earl of Albemarle. The debate was commendably short. Indeed, it was confined to the leader of the Opposition (Lord Kimberley) and the Premier. The whole sitting was over by seven o'clock, and their lordships could dress for dinner without any tiresome haste. In the Commons the duty of moving and seconding the Address was entrusted to Colonel Lockwood, a popular member of some standing, and Viscount Milton, a former member of the Viceregal Staff in India and one of the more promising of the younger generation of legislators. After a long and lively speech by Sir William Harcourt, who was critical but not ill-natured, Mr. Balfour replied. After two Indian speeches to which I will refer later Sir Charles Dilke instructed the House in foreign politics generally, and Mr. Curzon, who was not in quite best form, knew Sir Edward Grey in a judicious and statesmanlike speech extracted an interesting explanation from the Chancellor of the Exchequer. Sir Edward said :—"We should bear in mind that if there should be a breach of the peace we should have war and we have not broken peace in Europe. The Chancellor of the Exchequer in a recent speech used the word 'war.' What I understood the right hon. gentleman to say was that we should resist, if necessary, at the cost of war, the closing of doors now open to our trade in China. I do not think that is a statement which will be challenged in any quarter of the House. I, at any rate, never understood the right hon. gentleman to say that we were ready to go to war to enforce the opening of new doors for our trade." Sir M. Hicks-Beach, interrupting, said :—"I would like to say that when I used the words referred to I was not aware that anything was known to the public on the subject of the negotiations in regard to China. But it so happened that on that very morning a telegram appeared in the newspapers which I had not seen. Two days after I made a speech to my constituents at Bristol, in which I observed that in my speech at Swansea had been taken in some quarters to refer to the negotiations for the loan, I distinctly disclaimed that interpretation of my observation." The amendments appear to be more numerous than usual. One relating to Irish distress, another to the Zanzibar slave question, and a third to the Employers' Liability Act have been disposed of, and as I am writing the House is discussing a fourth, brought forward by Mr. John Redmond, partly it would seem with the amiable desire of embarrassing the Opposition leaders.

THE SECRET HISTORY OF THE PROPOSED CHINESE LOAN.

Hints and something more than hints have appeared in the home papers as to the connection of Mr. Pritchard Morgan M.P., with the desire of the Chinese Government to obtain a loan in England. That connection was more intimate than is generally supposed, and I have heard that Mr. Pritchard Morgan is not at all pleased with the turn of events. Indeed, as he is a determined man I should not be surprised if some fine day he does not from his place in the House of Commons give forth to the world the whole correspondence on the subject so far as he is concerned. A friend of mine who has seen the papers and who is not violently opposed to the party now in power thinks that they show Lord Salisbury to have been "asleep" (to use his own expression). It appears that by or through Richard Quinn Li Hung Chang had authorised Li Hung Chang Mr. Morgan to negotiate a loan with her Majesty's Government. The Chinese offered as security (1) all the Customs duties not otherwise allocated, and (2) such further duties as the Powers would consent to being levied. These proposals I am credibly informed have been before the Foreign Office since the 23rd of June ; and although there may be good reasons for the apparent abandonment of the negotiations with all that it implies the country will surely want to know what Lord Salisbury has been doing all this time. I say apparent abandonment, for there is some confusion on the subject. Mr. Balfour in his speech on Tuesday night said :—"They do not ask for the loan, and there is an end of it." Lord Salisbury speaking the same evening observed :—"I am not going through the proposals, the negotiations are not concluded, and it would not be right for me to do so." An attempt has been made to explain away the discrepancy by assuming that while Mr. Balfour was guided by the existing situation, Lord Salisbury with greater prescience included the immediate future in his survey.

INDIA AND THE DEBATE ON THE ADDRESS.

Of all the Indian bores who by the favour of misguided electors occupy seats in the Commons House of Parliament, the lachrymose Mr. Samuel Smith is by general consent "facile princeps." Whether he has heard that Sir William Wedderburn's leadership, last session, was not entirely satisfactory to all his friends and wants to cut out the member for Banffshire, I can not say, but he is quite early in the war path. He had the temerity in the very opening night of Parliament to pour forth a long and dreary lament about the "very costly and iniquitous war" on the frontier, and in sepulchral tones he warned the Government that if they do not "pay more attention to the feeling in India" a time of great trouble is in store for this country. But the speech of Tuesday evening was only a foretaste of what the House is to expect, for Mr. Smith has already given notice that he intends to call attention to the bad condition of the finances of India and to the poverty of the mass of the people. Mr. Smith was followed by a man of a very different type, Sir L. Ml'ver, whose knowledge of India was not derived like that of the previous speaker by one in two cold-weather trips to the East and by sitting at the feet of Mr. Dadabhai Naoroji. Sir L. M'Iver's contribution to the debate, though, as Sir Charles Dilke said, it to some extent anticipated the discussion of Mr. Lawson Walton's next anticipated the discussion of Mr. Lawson Walton's next amendment, was very well received, and the hope is generally expressed that he will in future take a more prominent part in debate than he has hitherto done. He appealed to private members to throw "Down-Ministerial side of the House as a Liberal Unionist he is not in favour of an adventurous policy with regard to the frontier, and one of his points was that since 1892 the forward military party have captured the Indian Government completely. Although the fate of Mr. Lawson Walton's amendment will almost be ancient history by the time this letter reaches Bombay, it may be interesting to quote the terms of the motion. They are as follow :—"And we humbly express to your Majesty our disapproval of the policy pursued in the permanent military occupation of Chitral and the maintenance and fortification of the road from Peshawar through the territory of the independent tribes, and deplore the consequences which have followed from that policy ; and we further humbly represent to your Majesty that the safety and prosperity of your Majesty's Indian Empire will be best promoted by respecting the independence of the frontier tribes and avoiding the occupation of their territory." By the way, many persons are asking why Mr. Lawson Walton should have been put forward to assail the Government's frontier policy. He is a lawyer, and he has not hitherto so far as I am aware shown any consuming interest in India or its affairs. One suggestion is that he may be aspiring to step into the shoes of the late Sir Frank Lockwood, and that his leaders may be desirous of encouraging him to qualify for the Solicitor-Generalship when the Liberals return to power. Of course the speeches of Lord Kimberley and Lord Salisbury in the Upper House and those of Sir William Harcourt and Mr. Balfour in the Lower House dealt very largely with the frontier question ; but the arguments used on either side did not advance much beyond those employed during the recess. Indeed, they hardly went so far, for although Lord Kimberley said that the late Government, in deciding not to maintain the road, were influenced also by the interpretation that would be put upon the famous proclamation, neither he nor Sir William Harcourt expressly repeated the equally famous charge of breach of faith. Lord Kimberley, however, declared that the late Government, who have been charged with "wobbling," never varied from their opinion that it would be a fatal mistake to occupy Chitral by means of a road passing through the territories of independent tribes. He proceeded :—"Every one knows that the late Government had decided that they would not maintain that road. We did so on considerations which appeared to us to be powerful and conclusive, and I am not aware that any new circumstances have arisen which altered the whole case." The latter has, I believe, a theory of his own as to the causes of the plague, and he will probably explain his views to the meeting. The names of the special nurses engaged through the India Office a few weeks ago for service in connection with the plague have already I am able to supplement the list with the following names :—Misses Florence Shead, McIntosh, R. L. Massey, C. Evans, Hetty Crowther, A. N. S. Murray, Amy Boyce, Grace B. Morgan, L. Delcusse, M. O. McNeill, M. Davies, A. J. Marshall, P. Le Clerc Durrant, C. Field, I. M. E. Mitchell, and M. Long, Morier, M.D., C. L. William, B.A., M.B., Ella C. Flint, M.D., H. L. Billet, L.S.A., and Charlotte Hodgkins, M.D.

NEW LITERARY WORKS.

Prompted, it may be, by the success which attended the publication of "The Story of the Nations," Mr Fisher Unwin is launching another series which he has had in preparation for some years. It is entitled "The Library of Literary History," and is planned on the assumption that "the history of intellectual growth and artistic achievement, if less romantic than the popular panorama of Kings and Queens, finds its material in imperishable masterpieces, and reveal to the student something at once more vital and more picturesque than the quarrels of rival parliaments." Each volume will be entrusted to a distinguished scholar, and the aid of foreign men of letters will be invited whenever desirable. A photogravure frontispiece will be provided in each case. The first volume deals with "The Literary History of India," and will be issued on the 14th instant. The author is Mr. R. W. Frazer, LL.B., a distinguished Sanskrit scholar, and the author of "British India" in the "Story of the Nations." He follows the subject closely from the earliest Aryan and Bardic output, thorough Brahmanism and Buddhism, to the literary evidence of the foreigners in the land and the point of fusion between the old and new. Much interesting translated work will appear in the book by way of illustration. The idea of the new series is aptly embodied in "The Literary History of the English People from the Origins to the Renaissance," Mr. Gassarand's work published some years ago by Mr. Unwin. In this connection I may mention that Miss Ella C. Sykes's book, "Through Persia on a Side Saddle," which is being brought out by Messrs. Innes and Company, the publishers of Bedford Street, is expected to make its appearance in the course of a few days. Miss Sykes is a sister of Captain P. Molesworth Sykes, who is well-known in connection with Persian affairs and who, it will be remembered, gained kudos last year by an informing paper he contributed to the Indian Section of the Society of Arts, throwing light on the routes traversed by Alexander the Great and Marco Polo. Miss Sykes's sojourn in the Shah-in-Shah's dominions extended, I believe, over a period of two years, much of which time was spent under canvas in the Province of Kerman, and she had opportunities of studying Persian life that have fallen to the lot of few English ladies. The account of her experiences should be highly interesting, especially at a moment when Eastern politics are attracting such a large amount of public attention. Mr. William O'Brien's new novel will be published by Mr. T. Fisher Unwin. The title is "A Queen of Men." The subject is historical, dealing with the times of Queen Elizabeth. The times for Ireland are quieter since the honourable member for Cork City wrote "When we were Boys," the only book he has published heretofore.

THE DEATH ROLL.

The Countess of Camperdown, mother of the present Earl, a prominent Unionist ; the Rev. Dr. Moulton, a well-known Wesleyan and headmaster of the Leys School, Cambridge ; the Marchesa de Santurce, a popular member of London Society, and mother-in-law of the nobleman, Lord William Nevill, about to stand his trial on the charge arising out of his monetary transactions with Mr. Sam Lewis ; Lieutenant-Colonel H. L. Evans, one of the rapidly dwindling band of Lucknow Residency survivors ; Mr. C. J. Mare, shipbuilder ; Mr. J. F. Bradbury, Bengal Civil Service ; Mr. J. Hay Williamson, partner in the Calcutta firm of Williamson, Magor and Company ; and Captain James Babot, formerly commander in the P. and O. Service.

THE IMPROVEMENT BILL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—The Municipal Corporation, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Millowners' Association have the opportunity of addressing their representations to Government on the subject of this all important Bill ; and these representations naturally are directed to points affecting the interests of those bodies. The voice of the general public can, however, be only heard through the medium of the public press, and this must be my excuse for addressing a few remarks to you on the subject, in the hope that they may receive due consideration in the proper quarters.

The first point to which I must allude is, that of the constant reference to Government entailed by this Bill of the estimates for improvement schemes. If "Government" means only the Minister for public works, or even any one department, there would not be much to complain of. But if I mistake not, a reference to Government signifies a reference to half-a-dozen different departments—and only those who have had the misfortune to await the result of such a reference can understand the delays which will ensue. Surely, Government having appointed their own Chairman, their own Collector, their own Military Member, their own Municipal Commissioner, and their own Nominee Trustees (all of whom may be presumed to know the mind of Government to some extent), might allow this body some freedom of action without constant interference.

The second point on which I must touch is the management of the Funds. The business to be undertaken by the Trust is in a sense a commercial one ; that is to say it is hoped that the skilled management of the Trustees the scheme may show a profit and not a loss. Then why not give the Trustees power to invest unemployed Funds to a reasonable extent on deposits at interest, or on the security of Government paper ? On the one hand, the Municipality have to guarantee interest on an unlimited amount of money which may be raised by the Trustees, and on the other hand there is no latitude for the proper management of the Funds so raised, so as to reduce the burden on the Municipality as far as possible.

Third, in preparing an Improvement Scheme the Trustees are authorized to build "dwellings for the poorer and working classes" and Police quarters. Would it not be better to let the Trustees prepare the scheme without any such limitation ? To make an Improvement Scheme complete it will be necessary to build on a portion of the land acquired, shops, markets, or other buildings than labourers' dwellings. If the Scheme is to pay its way, this must necessarily be the case ; and though the first object of the Bill is to house the poorer classes, a minor object is, I presume to do so without throwing an enormously heavy burden on the ratepayers ; and this can only be achieved by working the schemes to a profit as far as possible.

Fourth, the Bill provides for reclamation scheme being carried out only by the Trustees. Seeing the enormous area over which the operations of the Board must be spread ; and the large demand on their funds for the more direct and legitimate purposes of the Bill, would it not be judicious to give the Board power to entertain offers from private capitalists and companies to carry out such work ? There seems to be considerable doubt in the Corporation and elsewhere as to the advisability and profitableness of reclamation schemes ; and it must be admitted that such schemes are of a more speculative character than those for street improvements. If therefore private enterprise could be induced to undertake such work, without any guarantee of interest, no objection could be raised to its being carried out. The Improvement Trust would incur no liabilities, and would gain any benefit that might accrue. That it is necessary to consider ways and means carefully is obvious, when we consider that the two per cent. rate which it is hoped will cover the Municipal liability, will provide, I believe, not more than *four lakhs of rupees*—that is to say, interest on about one crore if the funds are raised in India, or about one and a-half crores if raised in England.

The above matters are, I trust, worthy of consideration by Government, and very slight amendments in the Bill will, I venture to think, make the measure more workable in the directions I have indicated.—Yours, &c.,

R. A. WILLIS.

PASSENGERS BY THE HOMEWARD MAIL.

THE P. and O. S. N. Co.'s s. s. Peninsular, Captain W. A. Wybrow, will, we believe, leave Bombay for London, Brindisi and Aden, with the English Mail, and the following passengers :—

For LONDON.

Armstrong, Mrs
Aveline, Mrs, and infant
Anderson, Mr
Bannan, Miss
Beaks, Miss
Blair, Mrs T Duff
Boyd, Mr A S
Blotzky, Mr O R
Barker, Mr P W
Boxton, Mr S Gurney
Brittain, Mr S S
Bouman, Mr A
Brown, Mr and Mrs A
Bridgman, Mrs H L
Crawford, Mrs, and child
Cheetham, Mr W H
Campbell, Mr and Mrs
Cleveland, Duchess
Chevalier, Rev A R
Chance, Mr
Cleghorn, Surg Major Genl
Cartwright, Mr
Currie, Mr H E F
Dowding, Mrs W K
Darvall, Mrs
Ducat, Miss
Duffus, Mr
Dawson, Mrs Hutton
Fox, Miss
Freeman, Mr
Fentiman, Miss
Falconer, Lieut Keith
Fletcher, Miss
Garnett, Mr W
Grayson, Col and Mrs E
Garrett, Major and Mrs Vernon
Groves, Mr J
Gurney, Mr H
Griffiths, Mrs and 2 children
Gullmann, Mr
Gilbert, Mrs R
Houldcroft, Mrs A T, child and infant
Hewett, Rev J F
Hannaton, Mr
Hoss, Admiral Sir John
Hills, Mr C R
Headland, Miss
Hall, Mr G W L
Hills, Mr C R
Hudson, Mr T H
Hewett, Mrs C J, and 2 daughters
Henderson, Mr J
Johnston, Mrs and Miss Bruce
Joubert, Mrs and party
Jolliffe, Mr and Mrs
Jamieson, Rev A F C
Jennings, Dr E
Kirwan, Mr and Mrs, and child
Kinnaird, Lord and Lady
Kirke, Mr
Leveson-Gower, Capt and Mrs C C, and child
Lawson, Mr
Lazarini, Baron
Laurie, Miss I
Macpherson, Mr and Mrs J L
Murcott, Mr A
Morley, Miss
Matheson, Lord and Lady
Marsh, Mr W H
Mathews, Mr A C
Manicom, Mr G G
Macleod, Mr C C
Morrison, Mr and Mrs
Oakley, Mr J C
Playfair, Mr and Mrs
Phipps, Mr C G
Pacet, Mrs
Pringle, Mr
Parker, Mr and Mrs E A
Pope, Mr G G Gibson
Richards, Mr and Mrs F T, and child
Rapier, Mr and Mrs J C D, and 2 infants
Russell, Mr P
Robertson, Mr A
Reeve, Mr and Mrs D'Arcy
Rose, Mr W C
Richardson, Mr and Mrs W
Richardson, Mr and 2 Misses
Renton, Mr
Rosenfeld, Mr and Mrs
Reid, Capt and Mrs G M
Reid, Mr G
Selwyn, Rev S A
Scott, Mr W E
Sherring, Mr and Mrs H
Swinnerton, Mrs and Miss, and 2 children
Sturrock, Mr G
Slater, Mr and Mrs
Smith, Mrs W Ward
Sanigar, Mr S S
Spivers, Mr and Mrs A D
Swann, Mr J
Swann, Mr J B
Shiphon, Mr Bernard
Sharpe, Mr Clement
Scott, Mrs Lindsay
Topham, Mrs F D, and two infants
Taylor, Rev and Mrs J
Thompson, Mr and Mrs H M
Thomas, Mr R I P
Thomas, Mr J P
Toon, Mrs Chan
Thomas, Mrs S S, 2 children and infant
Thomas, Mr and Mrs W L
Tschetlan, Mr J
Tompson, Rev and Mrs W F, and 3 children
Trevor, Mr
Vaughan, Mrs and Miss
Vos, Mr H, and child
Vreeland, Mr C
West, Mr J D
Walker, Mr J
Walker, Mr G
Walker, Mr W
Wood, Miss H
Watson, Mrs L F
Whitney, Mr and Mrs
Woodhouse, Mr F.
Wilson, Mr B P
Watson, Mr and Mrs J P
Zygomala, Mr A

MILITARY NEWS.

CAPTAIN JOLY DELOTBINIERE, R.E., reverts to the Imperial Establishment.

LIEUTENANT PRIDHAM, R. E., is appointed to No. 4 Company Bombay Sappers, Tirah Field Force.

LIEUTENANT H. WOOD, R.E., is transferred temporarily from the Punjab to the Bombay Military Command.

CAPTAINS CAPPER and Dixon, R.E., are appointed Adjutant and Field Engineer, respectively, 1st Division, Tirah Field Force.

As it is believed that the recent bad weather on the frontier interfered with the collection and surrender of rifles by such of the Afridi clans as are inclined to submit, Sir William Lockhart is giving the tribesmen a few days' grace. When the other sections see that

ARRIVAL OF THE OVERLAND MAILS OF THE 11TH FEBRUARY.

THE P. and O. Co.'s steamer Egypt, Captain R. F. Briscoe, with the Overland mails of the 11th instant arrived in Bombay harbour at 5 o'clock yesterday morning. She brought the following passengers :—

FROM MARSEILLES.

Anderson, Mr and Miss
Butcher, Capt
Buckley, Mr
Brown, Mr S.
Barclay, Mr
Bawtree, Mr
Bodgett, Mr and Miss
Burnett, Mrs
Bendon, Miss
Crofton, Mrs
Cordy, Major
Collin, Mr and Mrs
Crichley, Mr and Mrs
Cranmer, Mr
Cooper, Mr
Cobbold, Mrs and Miss
Dense, Dr
Drake, Mr
Beresford, Dr
Dilkes, Col
Dalton, Mr
Dillon, Mr
Ellis, Mr
Erskine, Hon
Edwards, Mrs
Erskine, Mrs
Flower, Mr
Flower, Miss
Hasen, Mr S
Hemel, Mr Van de
Hyland, Mr and Mrs
Hingley, Mr
Kaye, Capt and Mrs
Koul, Mr
Kaz, Miss
Koul, Mrs
Laws, Mr
Lyall, Mr and Mrs
LaTouche, Mr and Mrs
Leglard, Mr and Miss
Lewis, Mrs and infant
Moses, Capt
Moriarty, Mrs and child
MacMillan, Mr
McIver, Miss
McKillican, Mr
Mansfield, Mr C H
Mellis, Lady and child
Nicholson, Mr
Oldhare, Mrs and Miss
Pestonjee, Mr
Pawley, Mr
Pearce, Mr
Percy, Mr and Mrs
Plowden, Mrs
Reid, Mr
Roberts, Mrs
Saunders, Mr
Spencer, Mr
Sparker, Mr H
Stare, Mr
Sparkes, Mr W J
South, Mr
Stewart, Mr A C
Stewart, Lt, Mrs and 2 infts
Shadwell, Capt and Mrs
Simpson, Mr
Tomkins, Rev, Mrs and Miss
Vinen, Mr
Whyte, Mrs
Wright, Mrs
Walton, Mr

FROM BRINDISI.

Daniells, Capt and Mrs
Gladstone, Mr
Lowy, Mr
Mansfield, Mr
Neill, Mr
Playfair, Mr
Wylie, Lt-Col and Mrs

FROM PORT SAID.—Noel, Miss

FROM ADEN.—Routh, Lieut

THE WEEK'S MAIL SUMMARY.

LONDON, FEB. 10.

A STRONG Royal Commission, with the Prince of Wales at its head, has been appointed to represent this country in connection with the Paris Exhibition of 1900.—His Royal Highness presided on Friday at the annual meeting of his Hospital Fund.

Parliament is again in session. The principal measures to be introduced, taking them in the order of the Speech deal with Irish Local Government, Army Reform, the evidence of accused persons in criminal cases, Scottish Private Bill procedure, and the creation of municipalities in London. In the Upper House the Address was passed after speeches by Lord Kimberley and Lord Salisbury. In the House of Commons the debate has scarcely more than begun. Sir W. Harcourt and Mr. Balfour were the chief speakers on Tuesday. On Wednesday an amendment was moved by Mr. Davitt condemning the Government for failing to adequately relieve the distress in Ireland. Speeches by Mr. Gerald Balfour and Mr. Morley followed. Before the debate on the Address Mr. Logan Mr. J. Lowther led a vain attack on the sectional order which prevents peers from taking part in elections.

The late Sir H. Havelock-Allan's seat in Parliament has been won by a Radical with a majority of 278, but the Unionists have kept Mr. Villiers' seat by ill and have retained West Marylebone without a contest. The Liberal Unionists of Leighton-Buzzard finally accepted a Conservative candidate in succession to Mr. Dixon.—A National Liberal Council has been formed by the Radicals of Wales.—Among the political news will also be found a report of a meeting of Liberal "Forward" and the result of an inquiry by the Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce into the allegation of financial injustice committed by England against Scotland.

Intense indignation has been aroused in the United States by the publication by the Cuban Junta in New York of a private letter written by Senor Dupuy de Lome, the Spanish Minister in Washington, to an ex-Minister of Spain, in which President McKinly is violently attacked as a low-class politician, "a weak and catering to the rabble." The letter, which is admitted to be genuine, is expected to lead to important results in the immediate future, and already State Legislatures are beginning to urge the President to demand the Recall of the Spanish Minister. The State Department has communicated with Madrid. In the United States Senate on Tuesday night the situation in Cuba was the subject of several super speeches in which threats of American intervention by force were frequently made. A rumour was circulated in Madrid on Wednesday to the effect that the Government at Washington was preparing for war.

The news from the Far East this week is to the effect that the Chinese Government has finally abandoned the idea of contracting a loan either in London or anywhere else. Imperial decree has been promulgated inviting subscriptions for and Internal loan of one hundred million taels is regarded as illusory. The already powerful British fleet in Chinese waters is being strengthened. The first-class H.-M. battleship Barfleur sailed from Malta on Saturday for China. The swift curiser Bonaventure, which was last employed as the flagship on the East Indian station, and is now at Devonport, is to be commissioned on the 3rd of March for service in Chinese waters.

It is announced from St. Petersburg that Russia no longer insists upon her proposal for the settlement of the Cretan question—the candidature of Prince George of Greece for the Governorship of the island. Russia, it is also intimated, has not hesitated to inform the Powers that she declines all responsibility for any consequences arising from a further dragging on of the Cretan question; that she will not aid, unless the forcible establishment of a Governor-Generalship in any form or an increase of Turkish troops in the island, and that she will in no case be a party to any coercive measures against the Cretans, who have already long enough waited for a final settlement of their fate.

A most disastrous collision between two trains occurred on Friday morning on the Glasgow and Dumbarton Westeon Railway, the result being that seven persons lost their lives, and a number of others were more or less seriously injured. The accident occurred at the small wayside station of Barnassie, near Duntocher, outside of which there is a junction. The colliding trains were the 7 a.m., passenger from Kilmarnock to Ayr and a goods express from Ayr to Glasgow. From some cause, which has not yet been made clear, the two trains each going at about forty miles an hour, ran full tilt into each other at the junction.

The trial of M. Zola as the instance of the French Government, in respect of his action in the Dreyfus case, has been going on in Paris this week amid tumultuous and exciting scenes. Many military officers in high position were called to give evidence, but they either refused to appear or declined to give evidence on important points. Ex-President Casimir-Perier declared that the truth was exactly that which he must not tell.

Dr. NANSEN has been giving his views to a correspondent on the prospects of future Arctic exploration. He states his reasons for suggesting that no anxiety need yet be entertained regarding Andree's balloon expedition, and asserts that August of this year is the earliest period at which news may be expected of the expedition.

In the German Reichstag Herr Richter declared that in his opinion no other gospel than Free Trade would have to be preached by the German Empire in China, and the result would be natural community of interests with Great Britain; while Russia always followed a system of exclusion in her economic policy.

A copy of the first Kilmarnock edition of the works of Burns, which was published in 1786 at the price of 3s., and which, belonged to the late Mr. A. C. Lamb, Dundee, was bought at Sotheby's Auction rooms by Mr. F. T. Sabin, London, after keen competition, for 545 gs.

The Board of Trade returns for January, which were issued this week, show an increase of £140,923, or 0·3 per cent. in the imports, and a decrease of £264,332, or 2·3 per cent. in the exports, compared with the figures for January 1897.

Mr. Kruger has been re-elected President of the Transvaal Republic. He polled 12,130 votes, against 3,890 recorded for Mr. Schalk-Burger, and 1800 for General Joubert. Mr. Kruger's majority is thus about 7,000 votes over his two opponents.

There is acute distress in Crete. Hundreds of Christian families have been driven by hunger t emigrate to Greece, and others are waiting for an opportunity to embark. The distress of the Mussulman refugee in the towns is equally great.

The Irish Land Acts Commission has made its reports. The Liquor Commission has resumed the taking of evidence.

The London County Council election has drawn letters and speeches from Lord Welby and Lord Tweedmouth on the Progressive and Sir John Lubbock and Lord Onslow on the Moderate side.

The Marquis of Lothian presided over the annual meeting of the Private Scotch Society, which was held on Tuesday in Edinburgh.

A review of the Roman Catholic rejoinder called forth by the reply of the two English Archbishops to the Papal Encyclical on Anglican Orders is published by the *Times*.

A libel suit brought against Mr. Bryce for the account of Tammany Hall in his book on the "American Commonwealth" has been dropped.—Mr. Herbert Spencer writes to support a demand that publishers shall no longer be compelled to present five copies of every book to as many public libraries.

Lady Henry Somerset has withdrawn the suggestions, for which she was severely criticised by her friends, in connection with disease among soldiers in India.

Among other failures reported is that of Lord De L'Isle and Dudley. Our financial columns also contain the half-yearly statements of several important railway and other companies.

An injunction has been granted to prevent Sir Robert Peel from disposing of certain pictures and other heirlooms.

A Russian Pole on Saturday night murdered a man and woman of his own race in Whitechapel.

The Obituary list this week includes the names of the Rev. Dr. Moulton, the Marquise de Santarem, General H. A. Adams, Major-General A. A. Munro, Lady Huntingfield, the Countess of Camperdown, Mr. Hugh M. Matheson, Lieutenant-Colonel H. Ll. Evans, Lieutenant P. G. Stewart, and Lieutenant Hammond.

DON'T LOOK OLD.—With advancing years greyness increases. Stop this with Lockyer's Sulphur Hair Restorer, which darkens to the former colour and preserves the appearance.—Lockyer's The English Hair Restorer.

YOUR OLD FRIEND.—There is a sense of comfort in a good old friend, which no new friendship can supply. CRAVEN'S TEASDALE SOAP is your good old friend, for it has outstayed as I beaten the hosts of Soaps which, during the last 30 years, have been introduced. And why is this? Because it really possesses the properties claimed for it. It is the best Soap for the skin and Complexion ever known. It completely relieves the irritation resulting from prickly heat, the bites and stings of insects, and other similar troubles. It is simply the joy of the race, the most genuine and unalloyed delight in the world.

REASSEMBLING OF PARLIAMENT.

LORD SALISBURY ON THE GOVERNMENT POLICY.

THE fourth session of the fourteenth Parliament of Her Majesty the Queen was opened on Wednesday (Feb. 9) by Royal Commission with the customary formalities. The Commons having been summoned to the Bar of the House of Lords, the Queen's Speech was read by the Lord Chancellor as follows :—

My Lords and Gentlemen,

My relations with other Powers continue to be friendly.

The negotiations between the Sultan of Turkey and the King of Greece have been brought to a conclusion by the signature of a treaty of peace between them, under which the territorial relation of the two Powers is practically unchanged.

The question of an autonomous Government for the Island of Crete has occupied the attention of the Powers. The difficulty of arriving at an unanimous agreement upon some points has unduly protracted their deliberations, but I hope that these obstacles will before long be surmounted.

Intelligence, which is apparently trustworthy, has been received of the intention of the Khalifa to advance against the Egyptian army in the Sudan, and I have therefore given directions that a contingent of British troops should be despatched to Berber to the assistance of his Highness the Khedive.

I have concluded a treaty of friendship and commerce with his Majesty the Emperor of Abyssinia.

The report of the Commission which I appointed in December, 1896, to inquire into the condition of certain of our West Indian colonies has been published the existence of severe depression in those colonies caused by a heavy fall in the price of sugar, which is mainly attributable to the reduction in the cost of production and the great increase in its extent during recent years.

But this fall has been artificially stimulated by the system of bounties to the producers and manufacturers of beetroot sugar maintained in many European States. There are signs of a growing opinion in those States that this system is injurious to the general interests of their population; and communications are now in progress between my Government and the Governments principally concerned, with a view to conference on the subject, which I trust may result in the abolition of the bounties.

In the meantime, measures will be proposed to you for the relief of the immediate necessities of the West Indian colonies, for encouraging other industries, and for assisting those engaged in sugar cultivation to tide over the present crisis.

On the north-western borders of my Indian Empire an organized outbreak of fanaticism which spread in the summer along the frontier, induced many of the tribes to break their engagements with my Government, to attack military posts in their vicinity, and even to invade a settled district of my territory. I was compelled to send expeditions against the offending tribes for the punishment of these outrages, and to insure peace in the future. A portion of the Afridi tribes have not yet accepted the terms offered to them, but elsewhere the operations have been brought to a successful close.

The courage and endurance exhibited by my troops, British and native, have overcome the almost insuperable difficulties of the country. The energy with which they are operating; but I have to deplore the loss of many valuable lives, both amongst my own troops and those of the Amir, whose services I had cordially placed at my disposal by the native Princes of my Indian Empire.

Papers on this subject will be laid before you.

The plague, which appeared more than a year ago in Western India, returned in the autumn; and, although the mortality is less alarming than it was at this time last year, it is still sufficient to inspire anxiety. No effort will be spared by my Government in the endeavour both to limit its extent and to mitigate its effects; and I am confident that you will receive the loyal assistance of my Indian subjects in this arduous task. I rejoice, on the other hand, to inform you that the large and liberal efforts made many months over several large districts, may now be said to be at an end excepting within a small area in Madras; and that the measures to mitigate a prosperous year, both for agriculture and commerce, throughout my Indian dominions.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

The Estimates for the services of the year will be laid before you. They have been framed with the utmost desire for economy, but, in view of the enormous armaments which are now maintained by other nations, the duty of providing for the defence of the Empire involves an expenditure which is beyond former precedent.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

A measure will be introduced for the organization of a system of local government in Ireland substantially similar to that which within the last few years has been established in Great Britain.

Proposals having for their object the secure increase of strength and efficiency to the Army and for amending the present conditions of military service will be submitted to you.

Bills for enabling accused persons to be heard as witnesses in their own defence and for cheapening and improving the procedure in Scottish Private Bill legislation have been before Parliament on many previous occasions. I trust that in the course of the present Session a final decision may be given upon these important questions.

A measure for facilitating the creation of municipalities in the administrative county of London will be brought before you.

A measure for the amendment of the Vaccination Law will be recommended to your earnest attention.

Proposals for the prevention of the recurrence of abuses in connection with Church patronage, for the constitution of a teaching University for London, for the amendment of the law relating to Friendly Societies in part with the subject of secondary education, for amending the law relating to the Mercantile Marine, for the better prevention of fraud in the management of limited companies, for the better ascertainment of the rights of landlord and tenant on the termination of agricultural tenancies, and for preventing the adulteration of drugs and food will be laid before you in case the time at your disposal should permit you to proceed with them.

I heartily commend your momentous deliberations to the care and guidance of Almighty God.

The Queen's Speech being read, it was moved by Lord Salisbury's reply to the Opposition Criticism of the Queen's Speech—a criticism peculiarly weak and featureless. Plunging at once into foreign affairs, Lord Salisbury declined to defend the Concert of Europe, the weakness of which he admitted was due to the fact that the action of any one single Power was paralysed. It but he showed that at all events it was better than nothing, for had there been no Concert and had the Powers acted independently of each other Crete would be conquered and Crete subjugated, and if this country had withdrawn from the Concert the element most favourable to Greece would have been eliminated. As to the candidature for the Governorship of Crete he amused the House by declaring that this country would be willing to support any respectable candidate on one condition, that he must not be as an Englishman or a Turk. He hastily disposed of the politic raised about Tunis and Madagascar, showing that Lord Kimberley himself was the British Government most responsible for leaving France free to annex Madagascar, and then he called the expedition to Khartoum as the proper fulfilment of the obligations we had undertaken. Proceeding next to the question of China, the House showed by a sudden thrill of interest that it had now reached the most important and marrow of his speech, and even Lord Rosebery, who had been sitting with an indifferent air on the front bench below the gangway, turned round and fell into vigorous life. What Lord Salisbury had to say was satisfactory and reassuring, and confirmed the impression which had been gradually gaining for the few days that, newspaper telegrams notwithstanding, he had a very good account to give of the Government and its acts. He declared that we sought not to sacrifice our commercial rights with China, and he explained that we had offered a loan to China on very favourable terms, but in return we had asked for certain concessions. What those concessions were he did not care to mention, as the negotiations were still in progress, but their object was to increase the friendly relations between China, and it was not antagonistic to either Germany or Russia. As to the rumoured demands that we had made on China at Talienwan and their reported withdrawal, he denounced them as "extraordinary legends," which were "absolutely without foundation." There had been various suggestions made by one Power and another, and among them Russia had suggested that Talienwan should be made a free port, but in the end we had suggested that the question should be postponed until the railway for the district had been completed. As a further and more important fact, he mentioned that Russia had "spontaneously" made to Her Majesty's Government the offer that any port which Russia might acquire or develop for her own commerce should be a free port for British commerce as well, and a similar proposal had been made by Germany. This announcement was loudly cheered. Lord Salisbury went on to state that papers on the subjects would soon be circulated, and he concluded his speech by referring to the Indian frontier troubles, pointing out that what was really involved in them was not the maintenance of a road to Chitral or any question of a proclamation, but the fact that the native tribes had been inflamed not as much by a wave of fanaticism as by a wave of terror, owing to the fact that they, a race of barbarous mountaineers, had at last come into contact with a more highly civilised population, and feared to be crushed out of existence. But the Indian Government, while it must keep the road to the north open, did not intend to occupy a single position which was not in the judgment of a sufficient consensus of expert men of absolute necessity.

RUSSIA IN CENTRAL ASIA.

THE Berlin correspondent of the *Standard* telegraphed on Feb. 8:—"The Tsar has ordered the establishment of a course of instruction in Hindustani (Urdu) at Tashkend, in the military district of Turkestan. All General Staff officers who can be spared from their ordinary duties, and one officer from each Brigade of Rifles, Artillery, Cossacks, and Infantry, and of every detachment not belonging to a Brigade, are to attend it. The course will last two years, from Oct. 1 to May 1. The instructors will be officers, aided by natives, for practice in conversation. The officers who pass the course successfully are to receive six months' additional pay, and one of them may be sent to India every year to perfect himself in the language, after which he will join for two years in Turkestan. In connection with this order it is noteworthy that the note of Russian Central Asia is to be united under a Governor-General, who will be almost independent, and will thus be a kind of counterpoise to the Viceroy of India. Nearly twenty-one million roubles have been granted for the construction of a railway of great strategic importance from Tiflis to Kars, not including the rolling-stock. The largeness of the sum is due to the mountainous nature of the ground. In order to unite the Caucasian lines with the rest of the Russian system, a railway is being built along the Caspian Sea, via Derbent, to Baku, and the Caucasus Mountains are to be tunnelled, notwithstanding the great technical difficulties."

GEORGE WALTER, described as a "great American specialist," and Neville Shorthouse, a medical man who had been struck off the register, were sentenced, at the Central Criminal Court, on Feb. 9, to seven years' penal servitude for administering certain drugs to women. Francis Wardale, who had acted with them, received twelve months' hard labour.

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THE TRIAL OF M. ZOLA.

THE trial of M. Zola and the publisher of the "Aurore" on a charge of defamation based on M. Zola's letter with reference to the Esterhazy Court-martial was begun at the Assize Court of the Seine in Paris on Feb. 7. It has excited more attention than any for many years. Crowds surrounded the building, and M Zola was received with hostile cries as his carriage approached and drew up. The Advocate-General stated the case for the prosecution and contended that any attempt by the defence to introduce the Dreyfus case would be illegal. The prosecution called on the accused to prove the precise allegations for which the prosecution was instituted. After the reading of the indictment, the judge said he had received a number of letters from Ministers, ex-Ministers, and officers of the army, pleading that they were prohibited by professional secrecy from making any statement in evidence; General Billot, the War Minister, was not present; General Mercier, Minister at the time of the Dreyfus trial, did not appear; and Colonel du Paty de Calam and other officers cited were also absent. Maitre Laborl, M. Zola's counsel, ridiculed the idea of the national safety being involved in the matter, and made a specific demand in respect to each witness on the list, that he or she should be called in the interests of truth and required to answer the questions put. With regard to the question of the limitation of the scope of the trial, the Court decided to allow the accused to prove the truth of his letter to the President of the Republic on which the indictment is bassed, including the charges against the Minister of War and members of the General Staff. The letter was read from the Minister of Justice declining to authorise the Minister of War to attend. When the case was resumed, on Feb. 8, the witnesses put into the box included M. Cashuir Perier, ex-President of the Republic, M. Scheurer-Kestner, and M. Leblois. Madame Dreyfus was called, but the Judge interposed before the first question could be answered. The defendant's counsel, M. Laborl, put in writing the questions he desired to ask; and the Judge said nothing would be allowed which bore in any way upon the trial and conviction of Captain Dreyfus. M. Casimir-Perier, an ex-president, gained the hearty approbation of all by saying he attended as a simple citizen at Frances. The judge would not permit him to answer any questions. M. Zola came into sharp conflict with the president and the prosecuting counsel. The Court ruled in favour of the defendant upon the question of the military witnesses who failed to appear on Feb. 7. As the privilege was leaving the Palais de Justice an attack was made upon him by the mob, who were charged by the police. On Feb. 9 there was another long discussion between the Judge and M. Zola's counsel as to the admissibility of evidence. Among the witnesses called were General Balsdeffre, head of the General Staff; General Gonse, head of the Intelligence Department at the War Office; General Mercier, ex-Minister of War; and M. Trarieux, Senator and ex-Minister. General Boisdeffre refused to reply to M. Labori's questions on the ground of professional secrecy. Maitre Laborl, on uttering the form of the questions, obtained replies which led him to draw from the witness the admission that the Government of the day had declined to order a prosecution. At one point General Gonse charged Maitre Labori with having tampered with him, Maitre Laborl protested against such an aspersion upon the Bar of Paris, and presently General Gonse apologised for his remark. The Court retired into anxious excitement. General Mercier, the Minister of War at the time of the Dreyfus trial, would not disclose the source of information upon which he was asked, but he added, "On my word of honour Dreyfus was a traitor, and was legally condemned."

The 11th instant being a fête day, M. Joseph Reinach against M. Rochefort and the manager of the *Intransigeant* for using insulting language in connection with the Dreyfus scandal, was postponed to Feb. 24. Feb. 9. The defendants were severally fined 1000f., and ordered to pay damages to the prosecutor, in addition to which M. Rochefort was sentenced to be imprisoned for five days.

In an interview on Feb. 8 Madame Dreyfus gave an account of the persecution to which she had been subjected since the arrest of her husband and the efforts made to extort from her a confession of his guilt. Telegraphing to the *Daily News* from Paris on Feb. 8 Mr. Julian Hawthorne says :—

M. Zola has never exchanged a word with Madame Dreyfus, and he was seen by her for the first time to-day when he visited her at Queuilly. She was recovering somewhat from the iron endurance of the past few years, and her long womanly endurance of it have conferred upon her a dignity of bearing which, as a result, astounded her relatives, who were holding a family conference on the case. She is tall and graceful, with features of an aristocratic delicacy. Her eyes are deep and liquid British profundity, shall be well treated, and have ordinarily gave room as subjects of Rhoda. On receiving the copy of the official report of the trial in due form the Negus addressed a letter to Queen Victoria, dated Dec. 8, saying: "The Treaty of Peace which is now between your Government and our Government we hope will ever increase in firmness and last for ever."

Sir Charles Dilke, M.P., will seek an early opportunity of calling the attention of Parliament to the fact that the new Abyssinian Treaty deals only with a strip of Coast territory, and is entirely silent concerning the important territories around Lake Rudolph, which although supposed to be included in the British sphere of influence, are also claimed by Abyssinia.

THE OUTLOOK IN WEST AFRICA.

BRITISH troops have occupied Bassegunu and Rushuru, in the Benin country. The Niger Coast Protectorate's force operating against the tribes in the Ishiba country has had severe fighting, in which Captain Middleton and Captain Fenton were wounded. The latter has since died. The tribes up the Cross river are now reported to be surrendering.

Reuter's Agency learns that Major F. D. Lugard, C.B., D.S.O., will sail before the end of the month for West Africa with the title of Commissioner and Commandant and the rank of Full Colonel. The new Yoruba regiments, which are to be officially styled "the West Africa Frontier Force," are rapidly being got into a state of efficiency, and the officers and non-commissioned officers who have already been despatched to West Africa are to be supplimented by more officers, three detachments of whom will sail during the present month. Mr. Arnold White writes to the *Globe* :—"In 1891, at Wahma West Africa, French soldiers killed some thirty-one officers and men of a British regiment. On p. 153 of Colonel Trotter's book on 'The Niger Sources,' Wahma is 'proved to be in the British territory.' When may we look for an apology for the British nation and indemnities to the families of the slain? Have these been demanded?"

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HERR VON BULOW ON GERMAN ACTION IN CHINA.

IN the debate on the Estimates of the Foreign Office in the German Reichstag on Feb. 8 Herr von Bulow, the Foreign Secretary, spoke at length with reference to the policy of the German Government in China. He said the despatch of the cruiser squadron to Kiao-chau was the result of ripe deliberation. "From the commercial point of view," he said, "we require a door leading to the Chinese markets such as France possesses in Tongking, England in Hong Kong, and Russia in the north. Without a territorial 'point d'appui' German enterprises in China would in the end have benefited others more than ourselves. In a word, German labour and intelligence, as has so often been the case, would have matured the ground for others instead of fructifying our own garden. . . . The German squadron in Chinese waters requires a harbour where German ships without being dependent upon the goodwill of foreign Governments, can be equipped, provisioned, and, in case of necessity, repaired. The prestige and the fighting efficiency of our fleet are doubled when it no longer sails about without a home but has a harbour for its headquarters and its habitation." France being in Tongking, England in Hong-Kong, Russia on the Amur, and even Spain, Portugal, and Holland having possessions of their own in the Far East, Germany had to follow their example unless she was willing to remain a second-class Power in that part of the world. After stating that Bishop Anzer had declared the occupation of Kiao-chau to be a vital question both for existence, Herr von Bulow claimed for the German Government that it had chosen the proper moment of time for its action, and preserved the proper mean in the manner of carrying out its policy. The occupation of Kiao-chau had caused no disagreeable friction with any other Powers, nor had it disturbed any of Germany's foreign relations—a thing which, indeed, was impossible in view of the absolute loyalty, peacefulness, and moderation of her procedure. "We are in harmony with Russia, whose interests in Europe nowhere clash with ours; and in East Asia, in many cases, run parallel to ours. As sincere friends we follow the natural development of the power of Russia with sympathy free from envy. We find it only natural that France is seeking new rules from Tongking for her commerce. And we are very far from desiring to oppose legitimate English interests in any way or anywhere. If the cruiser squadron has sometimes been advanced, but, indeed, on the part of the English Government, but in individual organs of the English Press, to which we do not agree in the facts of the case. Happily, no doubt is entertained in London and in all authoritative quarters that in the interest of both countries, in the interest of the progress of human civilisation, and in the interest of the peace of the world, we regard harmonious co-operation with Great Britain as beneficial." With reference to the treaty concluded between Germany and China, Herr von Bulow said the territory leased for the ninety-nine years to the German Government had the following boundaries according to the English naval chart of China—New Year's Island (1) The promontory north of the entrance to the bay bounded towards the north-east by a straight line drawn from the north-easterly point of Potato Island to the sea coast in the direction of Loshan; (2) the promontory south of the bay bounded towards the south-west by a straight line drawn from the most southerly point of the indentation south-west of Chipow to the coast in that direction of the Tolosan Cosen Islands; (3) the island of Chiposan and Potato Island, together with all the islands which lie between the entrance to the bay, including Tolosan and Seslien. The Chinese Government undertakes to enact no measures or regulations within a zone of 50 kilometres round the bay without the assent of the German Government, and, in particular, to offer no hindrances to any measures which may be adopted for regulating the courses of the rivers. The German troops are to have the right of marching through the above-mentioned zone. Although the territory leased to Germany north and south of the bay has not yet been defined with perfect exactitude, they would amount to an extent of from 30 to 50 square kilometres, which was materially larger than the territory in possession of England at and opposite Hong Kong. The population consisted of the inhabitants of some small villages amounting to a few thousand persons. The rent to be paid to China was not intended as an equivalent for the land which had been leased, but for a formal acknowledgment of sovereignty as a recognition of acknowledgment involving an admission of continued theoretical possessions by the Emperor of China." Herr von Bulow then referred to the agreement to a Chino-German railway company which was to be formed the construction of a railway from Kiao-chau to Tsinanfu, and then in a westerly direction to a point of junction with the projected great Chinese railway system. The railway was to consist of the sections of Wei-hsien to Kiao-chau and Fo-shan. The rights to work these coalfields was to be conceded to German enterprise, and the railway company was to obtain at least as favourable conditions as any other China-European railway company had yet obtained. Further negotiations were being favourably conducted with a view to the extension of those concessions. An inquisitive deputy "asked" had asked him (Herr von Bulow) how long he thought the Chinese Empire would continue to exist. His reply was, "The Chinese Empire has existed for 4377 years, and I see no reason why it should not go on existing for at least 3000 years longer." Concluding, Herr von Bulow declared there was no intention of doing anything to offend the Japanese nation, the rapid development and talents of which commanded the respect of Europe. The selection of Kiao-chau as the special sphere of German activity had been dictated mainly by the consideration "that there also we are equally far from the English and from the French spheres of action and from the Russian basis of operations, and that consequently our Asiatic interests there do not touch upon the interests of those Powers." Any election would have been open to criticism, but it might be urged that Kiao-chau Bay was in a central position between the Gulfs of Japan, Pe-chili, and Liao-tung, and that the mouths of the Yang-tsze-kiang. It had, perhaps, the best climate in China, and had the advantage over all other Chinese harbours of having coal in its neighbourhood. Its development, of course, required the aid of German private capital, upon which the Government reckoned. They would proceed "without excessive haste, but also without narrow mindedness, with perseverence and deliberation, step by step, not as conquerors, but also not as those who have come too late. I shall make in fact, if I may so express myself, we shall proceed like able and clever merchants who, like the Maccabees of old, have the sword in the one hand but the trowel and the spade in the other."

Baron von Richthofen, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, declared that there had been no negotiations with China regarding a loan, and that there was no question of the German Empire assuming the responsibility of the interest upon a loan, Herr von Bulow, in reply to Dr. Bachem, declared that "no one would best correspond with German interests in the future to make Kiao-chau a free port. He did not, however, wish to commit himself especially as regarded foreign Powers. The best plan would be to preserve their liberty of action, so, so far as he knew, the English had done and still did in Hong Kong.

LORD CHELMSFORD ON ARMY ORGANISATION.

AT the Royal United Service Institution, on Feb 9, a paper on "Army Organisation," with special reference to the infantry of the Line and Militia, was read by Col. J. D. Legard, commanding the East York-shire Militia Brigade. Gen. Lord Chelmsford presided, and the attendances included Gen. Sir William Olpherts, Sir William Gordon Cumming, Sir H. Norman, and Sir Charles Dilke, M.P.

Colonel Legard said the Military requirements of our Empire were very various, but mainly we desire security as home, and be able to strike quickly and powerfully at any foe who might threaten our material interests abroad. His proposals, briefly stated were :—A foreign and Colonial Army with an eight years' colour service, four years' reserve service with option of seven-one years and pension in some cases, relieved by short drafts from the Militia Army; a home Army with two years' colour service and ten years' reserve service; a reserving divided into two categories with liability to general service whenever required, with certain corresponding advantages, to meet the case of small wars, the other with liability for service in case of great emergency or imminent danger only, without reserve pay, but a small annual bounty; a more efficient Militia, maintained by the ballot; and the abolition of the present regimental depots, substituting for them the cadres of the 3rd and 4th battalions.

A discussion ensued. The Chairman said he thought there were objections to the proposed organisation of the battalions abroad and of those at home. The latter would have to be composed of the stomach, the intestines, and the liver. The most men in a battalion, in his opinion, to be considered. Battalions were scattered about in all directions, and if they were scattered about in all directions, and if they only attended to the individual battalions and made them as efficient as possible, he thought that when the time came to form those battalions into brigades and divisions they would have no reason to complain of their behaviour. He did not agree with those supporters of the present system who contended that the long service system broke down in the Crimea. He challenged that statement absolutely. He hoped that in any changes which might be brought about full opportunities would be given to men to go on serving after their first enlistment of seven years for twelve years, and, if physically fit, for a further period up to 21 for a pension. It was on the ground of esprit de corps that he took exception to the lecturers proposed treatment of foreign battalions. By changing the non-existent few years the identity of a battalion would be lost, and it would render it very difficult to keep up that esprit de corps which, he contended, was so essential. It was the home battalions that should be made more efficient, and unless those battalions were strengthened in numbers, and were allowed to have a larger proportion of regimental officers and non-commissioned officers in the ranks, he did not see how those battalions could ever be fit to go on general service.

THE SERVICES AT HOME.

INDIA OFFICE.—FEB. 11.

ARRIVALS REPORTED.

Mr A C Tate, M C S — Capt E W Wall
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Col T Gracey, R E — Capt C G F Edwards
Lt-Col M W Skinner, R E — Capt A McConaghey
Major A H Wilmer — Lieut A W Chitty
Capt H R F Anderson — Surg-Lieut H A Berryman
Capts W C Knights

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Mr W Francis, M C S, 6 mos — Capt H Shaw, 9 mos
Mr R W G Marshall, B C S, 6 mos — Capt E R Morton, 3 mos
Mr W S Thom, B, 6 mos — Capt W A B Deanys, 6 mos
Mr W E Douglas, B, 6 mos — Lieut E W Kelly, 4 mos
Mr J Darling, B, 6 mos — Lieut C L Gaussan, 1 mo
Mr B Heston, B, 3 1-2 mos — Surg-Major A R W Seddenfield, 6 mos
Mr A S Wyman, B, 6 mos — Surg-Capt G H Frost, 4 mos
Mr S Cooke, B, 6 mos — Comdr W Mitchell, R I M, 4 mos
Col E D F Bignall, 4 mos — RETURNED TO DUTY.
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Mr H Z Darrell, B C S — Capt J S E Western
Mr A P Grenfell, B — Capt J A Loudon
Mr A J V Fulton, B — Lieut H L Stanton
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1st Dragoons—Major and Brevet Lt-Col J F Barn-Murdoch to be Lieut-Col, vice W H McLaren, retired.

Coldstream Guards—Super Capt Sir H S Rawlinson, Bart, to be Capt, vice the Hon W Lambton, seconde ; rec Lieut the Hon G A C Crichton to be Lieut, vice J Pensonby, seconded.

Scots Guards—Sec Lieut G F M Cornwallis-West to be Lieut, vice the Hon W J Hore, Ruthven Master of Ruthven seconded.

Northumberland Fusiliers—Lieut W Somerville, Adjt, to be Capt, to complete establt.

Suffolk Regt—Capt W F Coleman is seconded for service on the staff ; Capt and Adjt Arbuthnot retires on retired pay. The following Lieuts to be Capts :—J R G Hopkins, vice W F Coleman ; P H Finlay, vice C M Dalgrymple, seconded ; and J Golding, from the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regt, vice L C Arbuthnot ; Sec Lieut C V Omoaney to be Lieut, vice J R G Hopkins.

East Yorkshire Regt—Lieut E T Marshall to be Capt, vice J H F Slaken, seconded.

Bedfordshire Regt—Sec Lieut E G Sexton to be Lieut, vice H C Turner, resigned.

Leicestershire Regt—Capt B G Humfrey to be Major, vice F W Brader, promoted. The promotion to the rank of Capt of Lieut the Hon R B Parker is antedated to Nov 27, 1897, vice G C Blackisler, seconded. The following Lieuts to be Capts :—T M Drew, vice C H Hoare, retired, and H Gerson, vice H G Humfrey. Sec Lieut G C B Mundy to be Lieut.

King's Own Scottish Borderers—Capt A G Fraser is seconded for service with the Egyptian army ; Sec Lieut P A V Stewart to be Lieut, vice A Blair, seconded.

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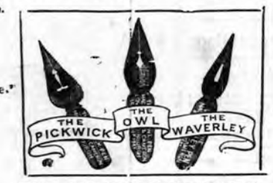

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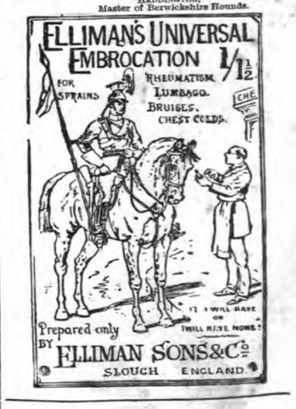
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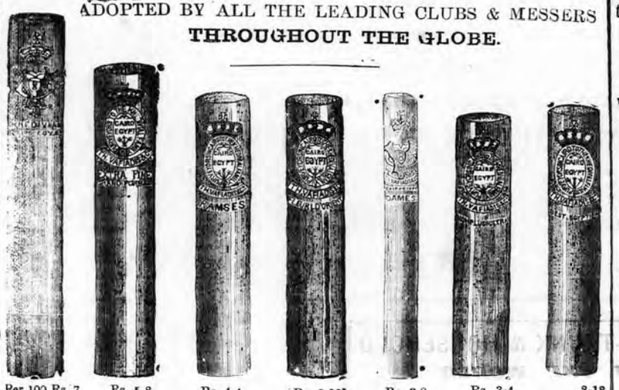

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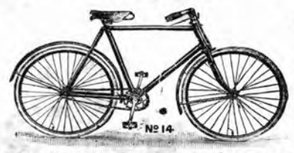

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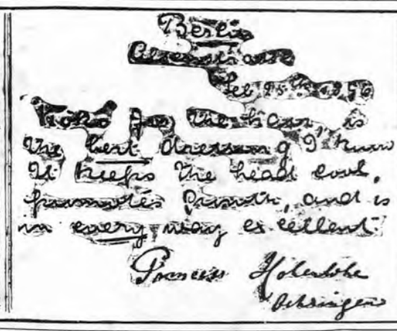

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